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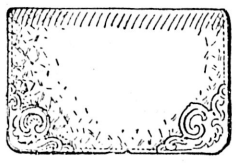

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DISABLED VESSELS.

1. The battleship Retvizan, torpedoed and beached at Port Arthur, was built in 1900 in the Cramp yards, Philadelphia. She is 12,700 tons and carries a crew of 750 men. She has twin screws and a maximum speed of 18 knots. A sketch of this vessel appeared in the Colonist Wednesday morning.

2. The battleship Czarevitch, torpedoed and beached at Port Arthur, was built in 1901 at La Seine. Her tonnage is 13,000 and she carries a crew of 700 men. She has twin screws, an indicated horsepower of 16,300 and a speed capacity of 18 knots. A sketch of this vessel also appeared in Wednesday's Colonist.

3. Battleship Poltava, hole below water line at Port Arthur, was built at Russian yards in 1894. Her tonnage is 11,000 tons and she carries a crew of 750 men. She has twin screws and under forced draft could steam 17 knots. A cut of the Poltava appears below.

4. Armored cruiser Boyarin, torpedoed at Port Arthur and beached, was built at Copenhagen in 1900. She was of small dimensions, being only 3,200. She has twin screws, 11,500 indicated horsepower and a speed of 22.5 nots.

5. Cruiser Pallada, torpedoed at Port Arthur and beached, was built in Russian yards in 1899. She is 6,630 tons; speed 20 knots, three screws, indicated horsepower 11,600. She is a type known as "commerce destroyers." A sketch of this vessel appeared in Wednesday's Colonist.

A Reward For One Of The Faithful

A Member of Parliament Given Seat on Nova Scotia Bench.

Small Army of Japanese at Present Residing in the Dominion.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—According to the last census there were 4,672 Japanese in Canada in 1901, of whom 4,515 resided in British Columbia.

Another vacancy has been created in the Commons by the appointment of D. C. Fraser, M. P., to a position on the Supreme court bench of Nova Scotia in succession to Judge Henry, resigned. The writ for Guysboro was issued this afternoon. Nomination takes place March 9th, and polling a week later.

J. G. Turriff, Dominion lands commissioner for the past four or five years, vacated his office today. Mr. Turriff has gained a competency through land transactions, and he now intends to run for the Dominion House for East Assiniboia in the Liberal interests.

A. D. Cartwright, the newly appointed secretary of the railway commission, assumed the duties of his office this morning.

The Ottawa Free Press has apologized to Mr. Latchford, the Ontario commissioner of public works, for having republished an offensive article against the minister, which first appeared in the Catholic Register.

A proclamation will be issued by the government tomorrow enjoining absolute neutrality on the part of Canadians in the war between Japan and Russia.

RUSSIA'S FLEET DEMORALIZED!

The Very Pick of Czar's Warships Have Been Disabled by the Brilliant Tactics of the Japanese.

Three First-Class Battleships, Six Cruisers and Two Other Vessels Already Removed from the List of Effectives.

London, Feb. 11.—Despatches to the Daily Mail from Tokio and Nagasaki, dated February 10, report the arrival at Sasebo, Japan, of two large Russian steamers. One is the Volunteer Fleet Association transport Ekaterinostav, which recently landed troops and arms at Port Arthur, and the other is the steamer Argun, belonging to the Chinese Eastern Railway Company. Both wre captured by the Japanese cruisers Sai Yen and Hei Yen in the neighborhood of Fusan, Korea. The Ekaterinostav is of 10,000 tons displacement and had been fitted up as an auxiliary cruiser. She had 30 rifles on board and was on her way to Vladivostock.

The Argun was going to Vladivostock from Nagasaki. The Russian whalers Glorige, Nicolai, Alexander and Michael, captured by the Japanese, have also arrived at Sasebo.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail says an important bridge on the Manchurian railroad has been blown up and 30 men have been killed.

A summary of the losses sustained by Russia in the first twenty-four hours of the war with Japan shows that eleven Russian warships were placed out of action in one way or another, and that the Japanese did not lose a ship.

London, Feb. 10.—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from St. Petersburg says that M. Kurino, the retiring Japanese minister to Russia, and his staff, have left there for Berlin. There was a large crowd of people on the station platform when the party boarded the train. Police and gendarmes kept a space clear for the travelers, and there was no hostile demonstration.

Continuing, the correspondent says an imperial ukase has been issued, which authorizes Viceroy Alexieff to mobilize the reserves within his vice-royalty.

Baron Hayashi's official advices regarding the battle of Chemulpo, are as follows:

"On Monday a Japanese squadron, escorting transports now on the way to Chemulpo, Korea, met the Russian gunboat Koreitz as the latter was coming out of port.

"The Koreitz took up an offensive attitude towards the Japanese vessels and fired on the Japanese torpedo boats. The latter discharged two torpedoes ineffectually, and then the Koreitz returned to her anchorage in port.

"Early in the morning of Tuesday Admiral Urik, commanding the Japanese squadron, formally called on the Russian warships to leave Chemulpo before noon. The admiral added that if his demand was not complied with, he would be compelled to attack them in the harbor.

"The two Russian warships left the port at about 1.30 a.m., and a battle resulted outside.

"After about an hour's engagement the Russian warships sought refuge among the neighboring islands.

"Towards the evening the Russian cruiser Variag sank, and at about 4 a.m. today (February 10) the Koreitz was reported to have also sunk, having been blown up.

"The officers and men of the two sunken vessels sought refuge on the French cruiser Pascal.

"There were no casualties on the Japanese side."

The cruiser Variag, which was built at Cramps' shipyards, Philadelphia, in 1893, was a steel and unsheathed vessel. She was of 6,500 tons displacement, and her indicated horse power was 20,000; on her speed trials she made 24 knots per hour for eight hours. She was 400 feet long, 52 feet in beam and had a depth of hold of 20 feet. The Variag's armament consisted of twelve six-inch quick-firing guns, twelve 12-pound quick-firing guns, eight 6-pounder quick-firers, two 1-pounders and six torpedo tubes, two of which were submerged. The Koreitz was built in Stockholm. She was of steel and was 206 feet in length, 35 feet in beam, 1,413 displacement and 1,500 indicated horse power. Her speed was thirteen knots. The armament of the Koreitz consisted of two 8-inch breechloaders, four 4.7-inch quick-firers, two 6-pounder quick-firers, four 1-pounder revolving cannon and two torpedo tubes.

In a despatch from Shanghai, dated February 9th, a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says the Japanese have released three Russian steamers, the Mukden, the Amur and the Schulka. One Russian warship, an obsolete sloop named the Mandjur, the correspondent continues, is here, and Capt. Crown, who commands her, is evidently retained as an intelligence officer. He is assisting the Russian military agent, General Dessino. The Russians expect that Japan will be too punctilious to commence naval hostilities until the alien crews have been discharged from the Japanese cruisers Nishin and Kasaga.

The necessary instructions will immediately be issued to the authorities at the British ports, including those of self-governing colonies, prescribing by the director-general of their conduct towards belligerent warships. General Sir Wm. Nicholson, director-general of military intelligence of the War Office, and Colonel J. A. L. Halldane, of the Gordon Highlanders, have been appointed to accompany the Japanese army.

Port Said, Egypt, Feb. 10.—The Russian embassy here has refused 150 enlistments of Frenchmen. The Echo de Paris says the embassy has also refused the offer of an American shipowner, whose name is not given, to place his ships at the disposal of Russia to act as privateers.

Honolulu, Feb. 10.—Numerous cables have been received by Japanese residents in Honolulu from their government advising them that the reserves had been called out and instructing them to come home at once. It is believed that there is a large number of reserves among the 60,000 Japanese in Hawaii, and that the war will almost deplete the island of Japanese laborers. The present transportation facilities to Japan will be adequate to carry the large number of Japanese that will go from here.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—Viceroy Alexieff ordered today the publication of extra editions of the newspapers, containg accounts of the reported injuries to Japanese ships during the Port Arthur engagement and the sinking of the Japanese battleship Saikshima. This led to a demand upon the editors for the source of their information. They replied: "It came from the British embassy."

The reports were received everywhere with manifestations of joy, but nothing confirming them has come from Viceroy Alexieff.

The only additional intelligence the viceroy has sent up to this hour is the names of the wounded officers, among whom were Lieut.-Col. Zaiontchkovsky, of the artillery corps, who was on board the transport Angara, and a midshipman on board the battleship Sebastopol.

The statement that Secretary Hay had issued a note to the powers asking them to join in insisting upon the recognition of the integrity of China and Korea during and after hostilities, created much comment in the diplomatic circles here, where any action taken with the view of localizing the theatre of war is welcomed.

At the Foreign Office, where there is some disposition to distrust the purposes of the United States, an authoritative expression was not obtainable.

Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, talking to the diplomats at his reception this afternoon, spoke feelingly of Japan's action, and declared the Czar had done all in his power to avert a conflict, but that the events of the past few days had proved Japan to be bent upon war, and that no concessions Russia could have offered would have restrained her.

Nothing has been given out, but in government circles the official bulletins are accepted as accurately representing the extent of the disaster. The whole city awaited anxiously last night for official news. Extraordinary scenes were witnessed around the newspaper offices and literally besieged the ministry of the interior. The crowd expressed furious impatience at the fact that nothing was said about injuries inflicted upon the Japanese warships. The intense indignation with which the news of "the stab in the back" inflicted by Japan was received here seems to be general throughout the Russian territory. The whole empire is fired by the war fever.

The newspapers, in general chorus, denounce the action of the Japanese as being treacherous, declaring that it is "truly Asiatic," but insisting that the issue of the conflict will not be decided by the naval engagements, as the Japanese will have to meet Russia on land, when the score will be wiped out.

The Novoe Vremya says it is quite possible that the whole of Korea has been overrun by Japanese soldiers in disguise, and that Russia may first have to assume the defensive. But when her forces in southern Manchuria and Korea are increased, the Japanese will realize what they have to meet. "God, right and international law are on our side." The Russ says: "One hundred and thirty million Russian hearts are beating in unison in the desire to expunge Enough of defensive tactics. Let us receive our foe.

"Yesterday we longed for peace, now we think only of war. The world soon will be startled by Russia's heroic work. Japan has placed herself beyond the pale of civilization. The upstart, pigmy the traitorous slight on Russian honor.

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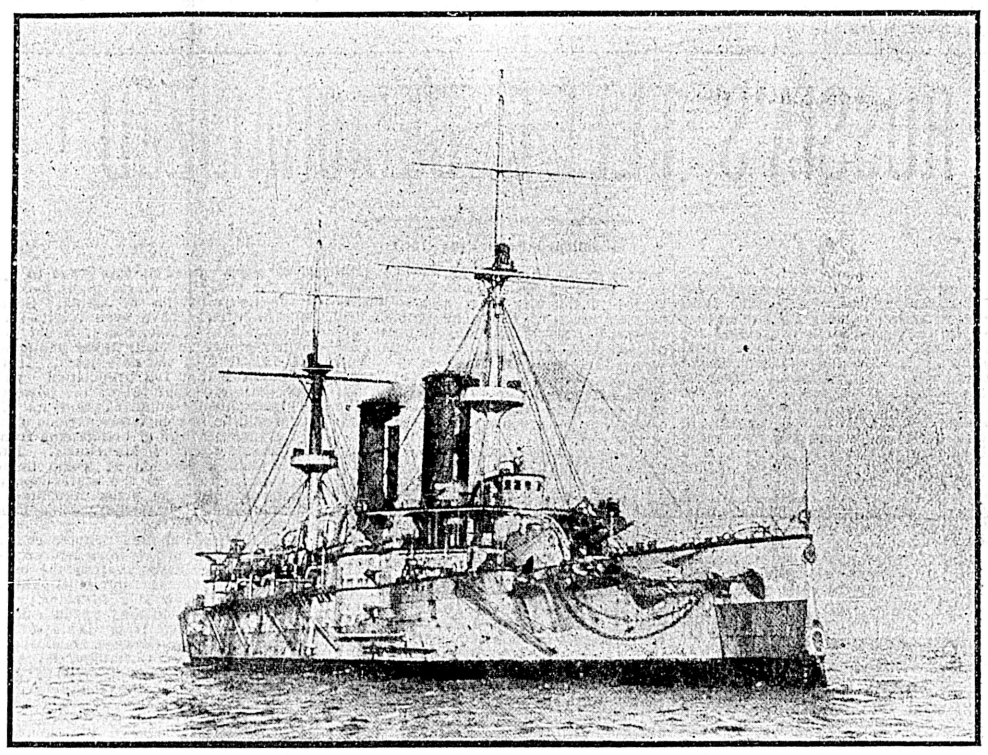

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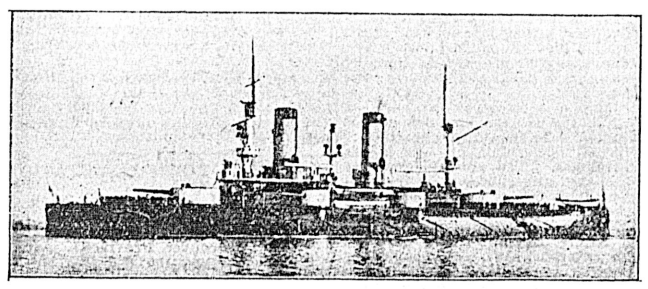
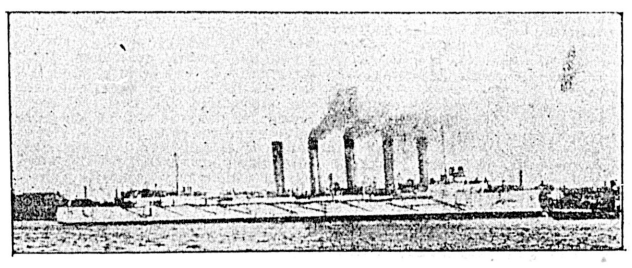


Russian First Class Battleship Poltava Sunk at Port Arthur.



Protected Cruiser Askold Sunk at Port Arthur.

TO ABOLISH DEATH PENALTY.

Albany, Feb. 10.—A bill was introduced in the assembly today by Mr. Matthews abolishing the death penalty and substituting life imprisonment for murder in the first degree, with thirty years for second degree.

Many Captures

Tokio, Feb. 10.—The Japanese have captured at least five Russian commercial steamers including the Ekaternostav, Moukden, Russia, Argun and Alexander. They were captured by the Japanese in Korea and adjacent waters at various times since Saturday by small cruisers. Some of the steamers are rich prizes. The steamer Korek is detained at Yokohama, its status not being clear.

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6. Cruiser Novik, hole below water line at Uort Arthur, was built in 1900 at Schichau; 3,000 tons, three screws; boilers, Thornycroft, 25 knots; Krupp armor.

7. Cruiser Askold, hole below water line at Port Arthur, was built in 1900 at Krupp's yards and is of 6,500 tons. She has three sets of triple expansion engines, three screws and an estimated speed of 23 knots. She has five funnels and a mean length of 426½ feet. A cut of the Askold is given below.

8. Cruiser Diana, hole below water line at Port Arthur is a sister ship to the Pallada, a sketch of which appeared in yesterday's Colonist.

9. First-class armored cruiser Variag, destroyed at Chemulpo, was built in 1899 at Philadelphia. She is of 6,500 tons, 400 feet long; two sets of triple expansion engines, two screws, indicated horsepower 20,000; speed 23 knots.

10. Torpedo gun vessel Koreitz, destroyed at Chemulpo, Korea, is of 411 tons, carries 61 men and was built in 1892. She has twin screws and a speed of 21 knots.

11. Gunboat Manzour, said to have been seized by the Japanese at Nagasaki, Japan, was built at Copenhagen in 1886. She is of 1,500 tons, one screw and has a sea speed of 11 knots.

LIBERAL NOMINATION.

Plantagnet, Ont., Feb. 10.—Isidore Proulx, M. P., was renominated by the Prescott Liberals yesterday.

Beats Oldest Inhabitant's Notes

Original Settlers Can Find No Parallel For Eastern Weather.

The Heaviest Snowfall and the Lowest Temperature Ever Known.

Montreal, Feb. 10.—Traffic on the railways in Ontario is practically suspended with the exception of passenger and a little freight business on the main lines. So bad has the situation become that the Montreal wholesale houses have begun calling in their travelers, as not only are they unable to get around, but if they were the railways are unable to deliver the goods they sell. On some of the branch lines in Ontario trains have not been operated for over a week, and in some places are in danger of a fuel and food famine. To avert these the railway companies are doing everything in their power. Even the oldest inhabitants cannot remember a winter anywhere approaching the present one in the fall of snow nor in the low temperature readings. In Montreal thermometer readings below zero were recorded on nineteen out of the thirty-one days in January, and Ontario did not escape much more lightly.

The present fear is that a big thaw will come and cause disastrous floods.

A fire at Valleyfield today destroyed the Palace and Victoria hotels and several stores and dwelling houses. The total loss is placed at $40,000; covered by insurance. The fire started in the furnace room of the Palace hotel at 3 o'clock this morning, and destroyed twenty other buildings, including the Victoria hotel, a number of stores and private residences. At noon the fire was still spreading, and it was feared would cross St. Laurent street and destroy a number of small wooden houses. A fireman named Currier was badly injured by the falling of a beam in the Victoria hotel.

Chinese Aid Japan

London, Feb. 11.—In a despatch from Chefoo, dated February 10th, a correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "A northeast gale which is raging here bodes no good to the crippled Russian ships. Complete demoralization reigns at Port Arthur. Advices received here from Kwang Ting, Manchuria, say that 10,000 armed Chinese unofficially recognized as government troops are operating in the district and are expected to attack the railroad guards when they hear of the Russian disaster."

FOR MISSION OF MERCY.

Red Cross Society of America Issues Call for Donations.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The executive committee of the Red Cross Society today issued the following: "Red Cross executive committee authorizes a call for donations to the treasury of the American Red Cross Society, Washington, D. C., for relief work in the Russo-Japanese war. (Signed) Clara Barton, president; S. W. Bridges, secretary.

A LONG SHOT!

Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—One of the officers of the battleship Missouri, which has been engaged in target practice off the Chesapeake capes, came to the United States navy department today with a remarkable statement. He said that one of the 12-inch guns being elevated seven degrees let fly a shell which the strongest glass could not follow to the end of its flight. Later a passing steamer reported that the shot had struck the sea within 300 yards of her. The steamer was distant from the Missouri just fifteen miles.

Business Starts At Baltimore

Temporary Offices Arranged and Wheels of Commerce Again Gather Way.

Bank Vaults Reveal Treasure Unharmed By the Awful Fire.

Baltimore, Feb. 10.—The situation in the stricken Baltimore began to clear visibly today. After a conference at the Belvidere hotel between Mayor McLane, a special joint committee of the legislature and a delegation of representative business men, including State Treasurer Van Diver, a dozen bank presidents, Former Governor Smith and United States Senator-elect Rainer.

The supreme question was the calling upon of the national government for soldiers to take the places of the two state militia regiments now doing police duty in the burned district. A brief discussion showed an unanimous opinion that this is not a time for sentiment as to the ability of the state to take care of itself, and that the United States soldiers were needed at once. It was shown that the militiamen were already much exhausted by their long-continued duties, and that the militia is costing the state $50,000 a day. The legislative committee said it would recommend the immediate passage of the necessary resolution in the legislature, and this was received with much satisfaction among the business men, whose treasure is buried in the devastated district. The federal troops will police the burned district.

Mayor McLane's announcement that he will appoint an emergency committee of citizens to act as an advisory board to himself and other municipal officials on all matters pertaining to the clearing away of the ruins, the enforcing of sanitary regulations and issuing of building permi— is a great step forward. The mayor gave the assurance that he would appoint only those whose personality would be a guarantee of quick action in the work of rehabilitation. The business men have aroused in an extraordinary degree to the importance of doing everything heroic to keep their trade advantages from slipping away, as it will require the utmost vigilance to prevent the deflection of a considerable volume of commerce to Philadelphia and New York. It is believed that the situation may be saved if the debris can be cleared away and temporary buildings erected within four months.

The opening today of the board room by the Chamber of Commerce, and the receipt of quotations, the uninterrupted shipments of grain cargoes, the certainty of state aid, the notification by some of the large insurance companies of their readiness to pay fifty per cent. on losses, and the action of the legislature in asking for federal troops, constitute a chain of incidents which have contributed materially to the restoration of public confidence and cheerfulness. Late this afternoon Mayor McLane reconsidered his previous determination to announce that he would accept outside aid. He said: "There is no destitution as yet. I cannot tell what may follow. In the course of the next few days I will be in a better position to definitely decide upon this matter. We have received by contributions from various cities about $7,000 and additional offers of thousands of dollars have been made. The money already received will be put aside until we can determine whether or not to ask for outside assistance."

The prevailing sentiment was well portrayed by Governor Warfield, who said today: "Baltimore will rise gloriously from her ashes." Business is being resumed in temporary quarters as rapidly as possible.

A number of large safes and vaults were opened today, and in such of them the contents were found to be in good condition.

Four hundred thousand dollars in coin and legal tender notes were taken from the vaults of the Second National Bank and sent to the vault of the bank outside of the fire district.

The banks of the city are doing their best to help the financial situation, some of the burned out banks doing business in a small way at temporary quarters. Most of the checks for small amounts presented today were cashed, but those for large sums were not paid in full. The fire insurance underwriters put in a very busy day, perfecting their organization and preparing to get at the work of adjusting the losses.

At a meeting about 75 companies were represented. About a dozen "loss committees" were appointed, and tomorrow these will get to work adjusting the insurance.

The Chamber of Commerce opened a board room today in the Masonic Temple and received quotations from the Chicago Board of Trade. No trading will be done, however, until the banks resume business. The grain trade of the city has not suffered to any extent.

NEW YORK AUDIENCE GETS A SCARE

Burst of Flames and Smoke Starts People in Theatre Towards Exits.

New York, Feb. 10.—There was much confusion and some alarm in the dress circle of the Metropolitan Opera house tonight when during the second act of "Lucia" a sheet of flame and a cloud of smoke burst from an electric bell at one side of the main entrance to the circle. Mme. Sembrich and M. Capanaria were on the stage at the time and both looked startled. The members of the orchestra saw it, too, and there was just an instant's pause. Several women rose from their seats and started to enter the aisles. In an instant ushers crowded down the aisles, assuring everybody there was not the slightest danger and soon restored confidence. An usher said a "fuse" had blown out.

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ROYAL WEDDING YESTERDAY

PRINCESS ALICE OF ALBANY — PRINCE ALEXANDER OF TECK

London, Feb. 10.—Prince Alexander of Teck and Princess Alice of Albany were married this afternoon at St. George's chapel, Windsor Castle, where Queen Victoria was married on the same date in 1840.

The Archbishop of Canterbury officiated and King Edward himself gave away the bride.

The whole ceremony was very elaborate and brilliant. There were no less than four distinct processions to the chapel, namely, the Queen of Wurtemburg, that of Queen Emma of the Netherlands, the procession of King Edward and Queen Alexandra, and that of the bride.

There was a brilliant assemblage of members of the Royal families, foreign princes, peers, peeresses, ministers, diplomats and other distinguished personages, the men all in court or levee dress or uniform and the women in evening dress. The display of jewels was magnificent.

There were five Royal bridesmaids, all cousins of the bride. The Seventh Hussars, the bridegroom's regiment lined the nave. A luncheon was given subsequently in the state dining room at Windsor Castle. Windsor was decorated with flags and filled with excursionists.

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Japan, would not have dared to attack the giant Russia without encouragement of England and America." The Russ claims to have authority for saying that the two new Japanese warships, the Nishin and Kasaga, were saved from capture by the Russian squadron bound for the Far East, Admiral Wirenius, whose flagship is understood to be the Dmitri Donskoi, by the action of the commander of a British battleship in placing his vessel across the Suez canal and hoisting a signal of distress, thus delaying the Russians two day. The anti-British feeling here is bitter, it being asserted that the Japanese attacks on Port Arthur were launched from Wei-Hai-Wei, until recently a British naval station.

United States Ambassador McCormick is busy taking over the affairs of the Japanese legation. In spite of the state of public feeling, there has been no attempt to molest M. Kurino, the retiring Japanese minister, or his staff. The authorities are according M. Kurino special police protection. He has no communication with the Foreign Office since the delivery of the Japanese note, and he made his farewell calls. He will leave St. Petersburg tonight.

General Iragomirow arrived in St. Petersburg today. He is one of Russia's greatest fighters and may be appointed commander-in-chief, as General Kuropatkin, the war minister, probably cannot be spared. There was a great scene at the Naval academy this afternoon when the Czar personally advanced the senior class to the rank of officers. His Majesty, who wore an admiral's uniform, in addressing the cadets, said: "You are aware, gentlemen, that two days ago war was declared upon us. The insolent foe came by night and attacked our stronghold and fleet. Russia now needs her navy as well as her army. I have come today to promote you to the rank of midshipmen. I am confident that, like your revered predecessors, Admirals Chichagof, Lazaroff, Nakhimow, Karlof and Istomin, you will work for the welfare and glory of our beloved fatherland and devote all your energies to the fleet over which flies the flag of St. Andrew."

After His Majesty's departure the newly-promoted officers hired sleighs and drove up and down the quay fronting the Winter palace, shouting "Hurrahs." Generals, carried away by emotion, saluted the youngsters.

Moscow, Feb. 10.—A final shipment of material to complete the rearmament of the Russian artillery in the Far East was despatched from here today. It consisted of 72 quick-firing mounted guns and 17 carloads ammunition.

Paris, Feb. 10.—Dr. Montono, the Japanese minister here, gave out a lengthy official communication today reciting the history of the negotiations with Russia and maintaining Japan's adherence throughout to the integrity of China and Korea.

The minister of marine has taken precautionary measures to have ships in readiness to reinforce the French fleet in Asiatic waters. French naval authorities in the Far East will be instructed to maintain strict neutrality, in conformity with the government's general policy, which will be declared in a day or two.

The overtures of the United States government to the powers for preserving the neutrality and integrity of China during and after the hostilities between Russia and Japan are attracting widespread attention.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Russia today invited the United States to make a declaration of her neutrality in the Far East war, and Secretary Hay tonight sent the draft of a neutrality declaration to the President for his signature. It will be issued tomorrow. Having received enough favorable replies to insure the concurrent action of the European powers in his endeavor to localize within as small an area as possible the hostilities in the Far East and to insure over as much of China as possible her neutrality, Secretary Hay tonight addressed notes to Russia and Japan, inviting their co-operation this endeavor, and announcing that the United States stood stalwartly for this principle. It was shown in advance that both the combatant powers desire the localization of the war.

A diplomat said tonight: "To Secretary Hay undoubtedly belongs the full credit for the initiation of this policy, which is the boldest step taken, for the preservation of the integrity of China.

The Washington government, however, awaited a suggestion from another power before issuing the circular note. Germany called the attention of the United States to the desirability of limiting hostilities to the two combatant powers. It is believed Germany acted with Russia's knowledge. In this connection it should be remembered that both Russia and Japan are most anxious to confine hostilities to themselves. The United States was the only power that could take the initiative. This fact was called to the attention of the American secretary of state during a call of the German ambassador Monday last.

Not only, however, has the secretary suggested the limiting of the zone of hostilities, but he has improved the opportunity to make another step towards preserving China's integrity.

Examination of his note will show no reference whatsoever to the integrity of China, but certainly the neutralization of that country must contribute powerfully to the preservation of this integrity and the maintenance of its administrative control. The note is general in its character and therein lies its strength. Germany was the first to respond favorably. In the case of France it was necessary for that government to assure itself that there was "nothing in the suggestion to which Russia might take exception."

After addressing Germany, Great Britain and France, Secretary Hay sent the same note to the other powers signatory to the peace protocol of 1900, including Austria-Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium and Spain, and finally he addressed Russia and Japan inviting their co-operation.

In diplomatic circles the feeling that Russia will acquiesce in the suggestion both as to the limiting of hostilities and the neutralization of China, of which she has assured herself that there is no ulterior purpose involved.

On the authority of a high administration official, it can be stated that the United States government has no intention of suggesting anything about Korea. It is recognized that Korea is the natural battlefield, and that it is useless even to discuss the neutralization of that country.

It was decided that the cruiser squadron of the Asiatic fleet could go as far north as Shanghai and orders to that effect have been sent. From there the vessels will be sent northward to Chemulpo, Korea, to maintain communication with the American legation at Seoul. Probably the vessels of the cruiser squadron will take turn about at this duty. It is possible that several naval officers at Dalny and one at Mukden, or Antung, could be of assistance to the consuls the American government is sending there.

Admiral Uria, of the Japanese fleet, was graduated from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1882.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister here has received advices from the Japanese Foreign Office regarding the naval engagement off Chemulpo, similar to those made public today by Mr. Hayashi, the Japanese minister in London. Mr. Takahira thinks it is especially important to note that, according to these advices, the first overt act of hostilities was that committed by the Russian gunboat Koreitz, which fired on the Japanese torpedo boats Monday evening.

President Roosevelt has decided to issue a proclamation of neutrality. It probably will make its appearance tomorrow. The proclamation is in stereotype form and simply recites and deplores the existence of hostilities between Japan and Russia, and enjoins upon citizens of the United States a strict regard and observance of the neutrality laws.

Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, called on Secretary of State Hay about noon today and left him with the announcement that the Czar had declared war on Japan.

This action is said at the state department to constitute a formal declaration of war. It is now for the President to determine whether he will issue a neutrality proclamation.

The department is satisfied that Russia is not disposed at this stage to oppose the execution of its plans looking to the neutralization of China. Some answers already have been received to Secretary Hay's note, but it is not yet deemed proper to make them public or even the text of the note itself. It is not doubted that the proposition will meet with the approval of the powers. It practically is admitted that its effect would be to completely exclude military or naval forces of belligerents from all China south of Manchuria. The United States legation at Tokio made two reports today to the state department confirming the press accounts of the engagements at Chemulpo and Port Arthur.

A despatch from the Japanese consul at Chefoo says, in the Port Arthur engagement, the Russian battleships were sunk by torpedoes. Russian ships outside the harbor were unable to enter. No damage was done to the Japanese fleet.

Another despatch from Tokio stated that no Japanese lives were lost in the engagement at Chemulpo.

San Francisco, Feb. 10.—A cablegram to the Associated Press from Nagasaki states that the Russian cruiser Variag, which was reported to have been sunk yesterday at Chemulpo by the Japanese fleet, was captured and has arrived at Sasebo. The despatch also states that in addition to the Russian vessels damaged in the torpedo attack at Port Artaur, seven other vessels were captured. It is also reported at Nagasaki that General Kuropatkin, the Russian war minister, has arrived at Harbin to take command of the Russian land forces.

Tokio, Feb. 10.—Japan has seized Mashampho and despatched a heavy force there. Japan will fortify the port and establish a naval and military base there.

Mashampho is an important point, as it controls the Korean channel, and is an excellent base for future operations.

A formal declaration of war is expected tonight. The proclamation has been prepared and approved by the Japanese cabinet. Foreign Minister Komura has gone to the palace to secure the Emperor's approval.

Port Said, Egypt,. Feb. 10.—The Russian transport Aov, accompanied by two torpedo boats, is here taking on board sufficient coal to take them to a home port. The commanders swore that the quantity of coal taken on board was the amount required.

Berlin, Feb. 10.—Which way did Japan's new cruisers, the Nishin and Kasaga, go after leaving Singapore, is one of the subjects for speculation on the part of the German officers, the favorite opinion being that they sailed westward so as to lie in the course of the Russian troopships bound eastward, one or two of which were beyond Aden, sailing eastward, before hostilities began. Although the two new Japanese cruisers are far from completely equipped, they might be an even match for the Russian armored cruiser Dmitri Donskoi and her accompanying torpedo boat.

The breaking of the Manchurian railroad at several points far westward of Harbin is expected, as the Japanese working in Manchuria are thoroughly familiar with the telegraphy and are liable to have been prepared to act, only waiting for the announcement that war had begun. Japanese agents, it is further asserted here, probably have already arranged with bands of Chinese marauders to break the railway line and try to keep it broken.

Expert opinion here expects that Japan will strike a fresh blow every day. The German mails for the East are now forwarded by way of New York.

The Russian squadron, consisting of the armored cruiser Dmitri Donskoi, the cruiser Aurora and six torpedo boat destroyers, sailed on the 22nd ult. from Suez for the Far East. One Russian torpedo boat destroyer, which was disabled, remained at Suez.

Shanghai, Feb. 10.—The Russian gunboat Mandjur, reported from various sources to be under repairs at Nagasaki, whence she is said to have been seized by the Japanese, is in the harbor here. She has had her hull and funnel repainted black, and is ready for sea at a moment's notice. She is a small vessel lightly armed.

RUSSIANS MASSACRE CHINESE.

Report That Protection Has Been Asked Pekin Against Invaders.

London, Feb. 11.—Special despatches from Tokio announce the arrival of Japanese troops at Seoul. The Tientsin correspondent of the Standard sends in a report that the Russians have massacred 100 Chinese at Liao Yang, in consequence of which the officials at Shan Hai Kwan are greatly alarmed and are appealing to Pekin for protection.

Other despatches from Tientsin say 400 French troops have been ordered from there to Seoul for the protection of the French legation at the Korean capital, the Emperor having taken refuge there.

The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Tientsin says that Li, the favorite court official of the Dowager Empress of China, has been driven away and beheaded by order of Yuan Shi Kai, commander-in-chief of the Chinese army and navy. Li was pro-Russian in his feelings.

The Chee Foo correspondent of the Daily Express asserts that the Russian cruiser Diana was injured by a shot from the Russian shore batteries at Port Arthur, and the cruiser Novik and the battleship Poltava have also been beached at Port Arthur.

Special despatches from Tokio report that fugitives from Vladivostock accuse the Russians of openly looting Japanese houses there without interference by the police.

The Mikado is personally superintending affairs and the cabinet holds daily sessions. The government has issued orders for the protection of all Russian subjects residing in Japan.

Baron Kanake and Baron Sukematsm have been sent to the United States and to Great Britain to explain the Japanese position and attitude in the present conflict.

REJOICING AT TOKIO.

News of Happenings at Port Arthur Fires the Japs to Further Deeds.

Tokio, Feb. 10.—Although she has no official confirmation Japan is rejoicing over a great naval victory at Port Arthur. Early today came a cable report from the Japanese consul at Chefoo saying that early on Monday the Japanese torpedo flotilla destroyed three large Russian warships off Port Arthur. Thereafter Admiral Togo's fleet of sixteen warships engaged the entire Russian fleet, remaining off the port. The consul was unable to give the result of the main engagement, but when the steamer Columbia passed the scene of action all the Japanese warships were preserving alignment and fighting vigorously and steadily and apparently uninjured. The newspapers here published extra editions containing news of the battle, and produced the first popular demonstration of the war. Flags were raised everywhere. Later a Paris despatch announced that Admiral Alexieff reported that the Russian ships had been injured.

The news of the naval victory was accepted in official circles and transmitted to the papers. This combined with the destruction of two ships at Chemulpo Wednesday (?) stirred the populace to the highest enthusiasm and gained general confidence as to the outcome of the war. Up to nightfall the navy department had not received any reports from Admiral Togo or other direct sources, and was disinclined to accept unofficial statements, but was keenly anxious to learn the details of the result of the main engagement, although confident that Admiral Togo scored a sweeping victory. The department anticipated early advices. If the Russian fleet is crippled or destroyed it is believed that an order to advance the army will be given promptly.

WIRINGS FROM WINNIPEG CITY

Curlers Play For New York Life Challenge Cup—Mail Clerk Arrested.

Winnipeg, Feb. 10.—Nearly 100 games were played in the curling bonspiel today. The following are the scores of the visiting Eastern rinks: Scott (Toronto) 17, vs. Thompson (Sintaluta), 10; McFadden (Toronto) 12, vs. MacKenzie (Indian Head), 5; Shaw (St. John, N. B.) 10, vs. Parker (Pipestone), 9; Pitblado (Winnipeg Granites) 13, vs. Milligan (St. John, N. B.), 9.

All today's games were in the New York Life grand challenge competition.

After three months' unremitting work by the best detectives of the Pinkerton agency and of the Dominion upon the theft of a packet containing $10,000 in transit from the Bank of Hamilton in Winnipeg to the Vancouver branch from the registered mail, J. H. Wilcox, a young mail clerk aged about 28 years, was arrested at Moose Jaw upon the charge. He was at once removed to the jail at Regina, where he is now incarcerated. The prisoner is a brother of the former chief despatcher on the C. P. R., and had been but a short time in the postal service. He is believed to have had one or more accomplices in the daring robbery of which he is accused.

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On Wednesday, the 3rd inst., in an item regarding the murder of Mah Quan at Victoria, the Province referred to Wong Sai Yow as the reputed leader of the Wong family, saying also that he "is said to be an ex-convict from the State of Oregon and since his return to Canada is said to have been high in the councils of the highbinders." The Province was misinformed as to Wong Sai Yow's having been a convict and regrets the publication, having had no intention to injure him or to affect his standing in the community. Friends of Wong Sai Yow and those doing business with him declare that he is and always has been a progressive business man of good standing and repute. His record is so good that evidently there was a confusion of names in classifying him as other than an honorable merchant.

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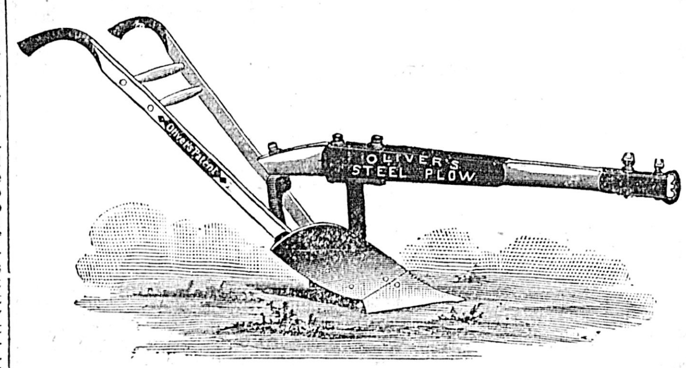

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Victoria	9:00	12:06	Victoria	3:00	7:00
Shawnigan Lake	10:20	10:46	Shawnigan Lake	4:20	5:40
Duncans	11:00	10:02	Duncans	5:00	5:00
Ladysmith	11:57	9:10	Ladysmith	6:05	4:00
Nanaimo	12:40	8:20	Nanaimo	6:41	3:15
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Much Corn and Starch Consumed in Blaze That Defies Firemen.

Oswego, N. Y., Feb. 10.—The huge factory of the Cornproduct Company, consisting of three great buildings forming the largest establishment of the kind in the world, is threatened with total destruction by a fire which started this afternoon in the chemical room. One of the buildings has been destroyed, and late tonight the second building was ablaze, and the fire beyond control. It is feared the flames will spread to the Columbia Flouring Mills and Kingsfords office and malt house.

After the city fire department and the volunteer department of Kingsford's mills had tried in vain to cope with the flames, Mayor Manson sent telegrams for aid to Fulton and Syracuse. From the latter city a force of three engines and twenty-five men were despatched, and joined their efforts to those of the local department.

Firemen Dougherty and Evans have been injured, the former fatally by a fall from a roof. Twenty-five men who were at work in the building where the fire started barely escaped. The burning buildings contain many hundreds of thousands of bushels of starch and corn. It is believed the loss will reach a million dollars. Six hundred employees are thrown out of work.

ICE GORGE MAY CAUSE INUNDATION

Repetition of Johnstown Flood Feared in the Susquehanna Valley.

Stroudsburg, Pa., Feb. 10.—The ice gorge in the Delaware river has broken at the Delaware water gap, and warnings have been sent to residents along the river. The jam is about eight miles in length, extending from the gap to above Shawnee. In some places the gorge is eight feet high.

Harrsburg, Pa., Feb. 10.—Local Weather Observer Romain said tonight that, if the ice gorge in the Susquehanna river about Sunbury broke suddenly, there would be a repetition of the Johnstown flood, although the damage will not be so great because of the ample warning. The river in this city is at a stage of nine feet owing to the flood from the gorge which broke on Sunday, the ice of which had been in a continuous sheet.

MURDERER EXECUTED.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 10.—Paul Masik, the convicted murderer of Chas. O'Brien, went to his death at 12.08 this morning in one of the speediest hangings that has ever taken place at the state prison. The condemned man entered the death chamber at 12.08, and twenty seconds later the trap had been sprung.

CRIPPLE CREEK TROUBLES.

Cripple Creek, Colo., Feb. 10.—The case against J. M. Glover, formerly Congressman from Missouri, for having shot at Sergeant Smith, was dismissed today in the District court here, on the ground that the accused could not be tried twice for the same offence. Glover has already been found guilty of an assault upon Sergeant Dittemore. When sentence in the latter case is passed Glover will, he says, appeal to the Supreme court.

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PLANNING THE ATTACK.

Events Leading Up to the Recent Successful Japanese Coup.

Chefoo, Feb. 10.—Upon the withdrawal of the Japanese minister from St. Petersburg, a Japanese fleet and transports proceeded to Masampho, which was occupied, and the fleet then sailed for Port Arthur.

Other Japanese ships are guarding northern Japan, fearing Russia may land a force from Vladivostock, and for the further purpose of preventing four Russian cruisers from joining the Russian fleet at Port Arthur. Other Japanese war vessels are cruising to intercept Russian vessels coming from Singapore. The Russian battleships damaged at Port Arthur are the Peresviet, Czarevitch and Retivan.

The cruiser Boyarin was beached when the tide was falling, and has not been floated, and will be damaged as a northeast gale was blowing today. The Japanese fleet has probably retired to Masampho, and it is not known whether there was another attack on Tuesday night. General Tschichikoff took command of the Russian troops in Manchuria.

FRANCIS JOSEPH ILL.

Vienna, Feb. 10.—Owing to the indisposition of Emperor Francis Joseph, who is suffering from lumbago, the levee set for tomorrow has been cancelled.

TORONTO'S GROWTH OF CRIME.

Toronto, Feb. 10.—The annual report of the chief of police, issued yesterday, shows that 11,687 prisoners were apprehended or summoned during the year 1903, being 1,302 more than the previous year.

MAIL CLERK SENTENCED.

St. Catharines, Ont., Feb. 10.—Thos. Blake, late mail clerk of the St. Catharines' postoffice, was sentenced this morning to three years and three months in the penitentiary for robbing the mails.

COAL PROFITS.

New York, Feb. 10.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pittsburg Coal Company was held today in Jersey City. The annual statement showed that the company had earned net profits during the year of $6,751-023.20, the largest since its organization in 1889. The Pittsburg Coal Company is a combination of companies, and is capitalized at $64,000,000.

SENATOR HANNA'S HEALTH.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Shortly after 7 o'clock the doctors issued the following bulletin on Senator Hanna's condition: "Mr. Hanna's temperature at 6 o'clock this evening was 100 2-10; pulse, 92; respiration, 24. There has been some irritability of the stomach, otherwise the symptoms are favorable and there are no complications. (Signed) Rixey, Osler, Carter."

THE NAVY LEAGUE.

Proceedings of the Regular Monthly Meeting Held Yesterday Evening.

The monthly meeting of the committee of the British Columbia branch of the Navy League was held at the honorary secretary's office, 38 Douglas street, yesterday evening, when those present were: A. B. Fraser, Sen., President C. E. Redfern, G. W. Woollett and Joseph Peirson. Amongst the considerable amount of correspondence, inward and outward, which was gone through might be noted a letter from the Hon. R. Prefontaine, minister of marine and fisheries, touching the matter of naval training stations in Canada, of which that gentleman says the matter is still in embryo, but when it is thoroughly gone into, he regards it as a very highly important matter, and that the Pacific Coast will not be overlooked.

The hon. secretary reported that the time had expired for the prize essay competition, and submitted the work of the competitors, which it was resolved should be referred to His Lordship the Bishop of Columbia to adjudicate upon. It was also intimated that a number of the small copies of the new edition of the Navy League map had been ordered, and should be here very shortly. Mr. Galletly's reply to the league's resolution of sympathy was also read and filed.

At the close of the meeting the president, very aptly, adverted to the object lesson which is now being given in the conflict between Japan and Russia, showing how necessary it is to be always prepared, as very much depends upon being in a position to strike a first blow in a telling and effective manner. The prestige of the Russian nation has fallen in a day at the hands of the youngest nation of the world, and it behoves Britons more than ever to look to the paramount importance of an adequate navy as the best guarantee of peace as well as to maintain the dignity of the Empire.

That tired feeling is a burden you need not carry. Hood's Sarsaparilla will rid you of it and renew your courage.

A PITIFUL STORY.

A painful story of a bank clerk's downfall was told to the Birmingham magistrates when John Peacock was charged with stealing $450 from Lloys bank, Birmingham. Peacock confessed his guilt, but it was urged in his behalf that he had got into the grip of a London money-lender. Nine years ago Peacock's father, who was a bank cashier, got into trouble, as a result of which the responsibility of providing for the whole family fell upon Peacock, he being at that time only 20 years old. In his efforts to keep the household together he went to a money-lender and borrowed $250. Peacock paid $740 in the shape of interest, and then the money-lender began hounding him, and threatened to expose him to the bank unless he paid further large sums. Yielding to temptation, Peacock took the $450, and paid $310 to the money-lender, thus making $1,050 paid as interest for the loan of $250. The magistrate said that, in consideration of the painful circumstances of the case, Peacock's sentence would be one of only four months' imprisonment in the second division.

He—Your husband is dancing with your rival.

She—Yes, I encouraged it.

He—You did?

She—I certainly did. He can't dance with a woman without walking all over her feet.—Yonkers Statesman.

Le Petit Crystal.—Dave Caston, the comedian, is making a hit at Le Petit Crystal this week. He will surely drive the blues away and cause smiles if there are any smiles left. One pleasing feature about Mr. Caston's act is that he works with a will. The De Lacy's, a little tot of seven years and a boy about seventeen, are one of the features of this week's programme. The little girl is very clever, indeed, and is a gen favorite, it would seem, with the public. Mr. Rice, the Jew, is very good also; his parodies are original. The Amalia family of four, mother, father and two boys, call for rounds of applause each act. They exhibit some wonderful feats of strength. The whole show is good from start to finish.

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SAINT BARNABAS SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Formal Opening an Interesting Event on Monday and Tuesday Last.

The opening of St. Barnabas' Sunday school on Monday evening last, was an interesting event. Proceedings commenced at 8 o'clock, when the rector called upon Mr. Thos. W. Palmer to give a statement of the building account. It was found that the internal decoration had been executed by members of the congregation, including wiring, painting and benches, and erection of the outside fence. The balance on the contract price amounts to $280, which has been covered by a promissory note, due on June 30th, next.

Percy D. Bannerman, on behalf of the scholars, then read a petition to the Bishop, text of which is given below. His Lordship complimented Mr. Palmer and members of the building committee and then declared the building duly opened.

The address, which is the work of Mr. F. S. Mills, is beautifully done, and the Bishop requested that it might be framed and placed on the walls of the building.

An excellent concert under the directorship of Mr. A. Longfield, was much enjoyed by a large number present.

On Tuesday, 9th inst., a second day's entertainment was enjoyed by a full house. This consisted of a concert, over which Mr. S. Talbot presided. The farce which followed was very laughable, and those taking part were quite equal to the various personages they represented. It was as its title said: "A Pretty Piece of Business," in more senses than one. Light refreshments were served to those present by the members of the Sunday school staff.

To the Right Reverend William Wilcox, Bishop of Columbia:

To the Rev. Ernest Miller, Rector, and to Messrs. Thomas Palmer, lay reader and superintendent; Edward E. Wootton, churchwarden; Alexander M. Bannerman, George W. Knox, members of the building committee:

We, by these presents, do send you greeting, and petition His Lordship, the Bishop of the Diocese, to formally and publicly declare this building opened for the uses hereinafter mentioned.

We desire that it be known as "St. Barnabas' Sunday School Room," and that its primary use be for the scholars attending the Sunday school.

That entertainments and local gatherings take place from time to time for the mutual benefit of those attending our church.

That the various parochial societies hold their meetings in the class rooms provided, thus making it a centre of church life and education.

We believe it would be beneficial to the children of our parish if a church day school could be established to be known as St. Barnabas' Church School.

We notice with much gratification amongst the subscribers the name of Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, K.C.M.G., Lieutenant-Governor of the province.

The untiring energies and perseverance of our revered superintendent, Mr. Thos. A. Palmer, have brought about this much needed school room, and he has the thanks of parishioners and scholars.

We congratulate the contractor Mr. W. E. Regan on his successful and conscientious work.

We pray Almighty God to bestow His blessing.

Signed on behalf of the scholars.

PERCY D. BANNERMAN.

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(Signed) ALLAN FAULKNER.

"I have for years been personally acquainted with Mr. Faulkner, and can certify to the absolute truth of the above statement.

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WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, 3rd to 9th February, 1904.

The weather during this week has been remarkably overcast, accompanied by considerable rain during the first portion and snow has fallen both on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. These conditions were caused by the hovering of an extensive and important high barometer area and cold wave over Northern British Columbia and the Territories. On the Coast the track of easterly moving storms was forced to the south of Vancouver Island. This movement permitted the heavier and colder air from the north and east to cross the mountains to the seaboard. While the snowfall in this immediate vicinity was only 4.25 inches, considerably more fell in the adjacent higher lands. At New Westminster the snowfall amounted to 11.40 inches and the temperature there was below freezing upon the last four days of the week, and in Cariboo it ranged from 2 below to 24 below zero during the last five days of the week. Upon Tuesday, 9th, an ocean storm area of greater intensity than the previous ones, approached this coast and caused a strong gale both from the Columbia river to Flattery and on the Straits and Sound. At Victoria the greatest velocity recorded was 50 miles an hour for one continuous hour and at the rate of 60 miles during squalls of five minutes' duration. Much snow has fallen in the mountains, particularly about Field, where it has impeded traffic. The hovering of this extensive high barometer area over the Territories has caused zero temperatures there without interruption. The lowest recorded was 40 below at Prince Albert upon two days.

Victoria—Amount of bright sunshine registered was 3 hours and 24 minutes; rain, .73 inch; snow, 4.25 inches; highest temperature, 48.8 on 4th, and lowest, 24.5 on 8th.

New Westminster—Rain, 1.80 inch; snow, 11.40 inches; highest temperature, 42 on 5th, and lowest, 12 on the 9th.

Kamloops— Snow, 6.40 inches; highest temperature, 38 on 4th, and lowest, 12 below on 9th.

Barkerville—Snow, 5 inches; highest temperature, 26 on 3rd and 4th; lowest, 24 below on 6th.

Dawson—Highest temperature, 14 below on 8th, and lowest, 48 below on 4th.

Quick Work.—Messrs. Turner, Beeton & Co., the local agents of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, have received the following telegram: "Baltimore, Maryland: Following the honorable course pursued by the Hartford Fire Insurance Company in all previous conflagrations, it is already adjusting and paying Baltimore losses." This is quick work and speaks volumes for the financial strength and reliability of the old "Hartford."

A Poor Man's Camp.—Mr. C. R. Pugsley, who has been mining in the Atlin district for years, says it is a poor man's camp. While on Bullion creek he saw Fritz Rothacher on 19 below wash three pans from rimrock, on the left limit, the yield in each of which was $1.27 by weight. He was also shown about four ounces of gold dust which had been taken from rimrock from this hole about five feet square, which had been sunk through six feet of gravel. He states that the dip of the rimrock on the left limit on Discovery claim, from which Smith and his partners took forty ounces of coarse gold in October last, is at an angle of about fifteen degrees

DAYS YOU SHOULD REMEMBER

THE Westside VICTORIA'S POPULAR STORE

THURSDAY, FRIDAY SATURDAY

THREE RED LETTER BARGAIN DAYS

BEFORE STOCK-TAKING.

Grand Preparations Made to Beat all Records. Prices that Will Crowd this Popular Store Today.

Stock-Taking only a few days from now, and Spring goods crowding in on us, demands quick selling. We are going to make the last three days of our Stock-Taking Sale something to be remembered in the Dry Goods Trade here.

SHOP EARLY. **DOORS OPEN SHARP AT 8.30** SHOP EARLY.

STAPLE DEPARTMENT

Never any dull moments here. A big rush of business right along, and yet we are not satisfied. We have planned to make THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY three days of the most active business in the history of Victoria. Would advise you to come the first day. THE LOW PRICES WILL CLEAR MANY LINES QUICK.

Bargains in Fine Wools 5c worth 10c

Shetland Floss, Berlin Wools, in a big range of colors, sold at 10c.
SPECIAL SALE PRICE.....5c

Bargains in Silk Cord 5c worth up to 20c

Handsome Silk Cords, in two tone effects and plain colors, for fancy work, worth up to 20c.
SPECIAL SALE PRICE.....5c.

5c Furniture Gimp, all Colors, Special Sale Price 1c

$2.00 Furniture Plush $1 00

52 inch wide Furniture Plush, best quality in two handsome shades of Rose; regular price, $2.00.
SPECIAL SALE PRICE $1.00

Drapery Plush 75c worth $1.75

You can save $1.00 on every yard of this High Class French Drapery Plush; ten shades to select from, worth $1.75.
SPECIAL SALE PRICE.....75c.

Furniture Covering Half Price

This is a good chance to recover your furniture. We are closing out our High Class Silk Coverings at Half Price.

All Dependable Qualities

LACE CURTAIN BARGAINS!!

$1.25 NOTTINGHAM LACE CURTAINS at 75c.
$1.50 NOTTINGHAM LACE CURTAINS at $1.00.
$2.00 NOTTINGHAM LACE CURTAINS at $1.25.

PILLOWS AND COMFORTERS

These cold weather Comforts at Bargain Prices is good news for you. We secured a big clearing line and offer them at this sale.

$1.75 Pillows, $1.30

Good Feather Pillows, covered with feather-proof art-ticking. Fresh, clean, new stock, worth $1.75.
SPECIAL SALE PRICE.....$1.30

Comforters

Filled with White Wadding, all one piece, will not wad up and get hard.
$2.00 Comforters, size 60 x 72.
SPECIAL SALE PRICE.....$1.40
$2.25 Comforters, size 72 x 72.
SPECIAL SALE PRICE.....$1.65

TOWEL BARGAINS

We do not expect all of these lines to last for the three big days' selling. Would advise early shopping.

20c Towels 12 1-2c

Turkish and Linen Huck Towels, large size, fringed ends and colored borders. Regular 20c.
SPECIAL SALE PRICE.....12½c

25c Turkish Towels 20c

This big thick Turkish Towel has been one of our best selling lines at 25c.
SPECIAL SALE PRICE.....20c

10c Cretonne, all Good Patterns, Sale Price 6c

Remnants Half Price

Remnants are not to be taken into stock. Have decided to clear out all the short ends. All are to be sold out before Saturday at Half Marked Price.

$1.25 White Bedspreads, Large Size, Sale Price 95c

Clearing Out Odd Pairs Portieres

$ 2.50 TAPERTRY PORTIERES, 2 pairs only. SALE PRICE.....$1.80
$ 5.00 TAPESTRY PORTIERES, 2 pairs only. SALE PRICE.....$3.25
$ 5.50 TAPESTRY PORTIERES, 4 pairs only. SALE PRICE.....$4.00
$ 7.50 TAPESTRY PORTIERES, 1 pair only. SALE PRICE.....$5.00
$12.50 CHENILLE PORTIERES, 2 pairs only. SALE PRICE.....$8.00
$ 6.90 CHENILLE PORTIERES, 2 pairs only. SALE PRICE.....$5.00

Splendid Dress Goods Bargains

We have arranged a specitl attractive Dress Goods programme for this big three days' bargain sale.

Homespuns and Cheviots 65c, Regular $1.25

Pure Wool Homespuns and Imported Cheviots in a handsome range of plain colors and the two-tone heather effects. Grand Fabrics for Tailored Suits and Rainy-day Skirts. 54 inches wide, worth up to $1.25.
SPECIAL SALE PRICE.....65c

Black Poplin Broche 50c, worth $1.25

We have several odd lengths of these High-class French Dress Goods, elegant fabrics for fine Gowns. Regular price up to $1.25.
SPECIAL SALE PRICE.....50c

Fine Colored Dress Goods 50c, worth up to $1.35

We have decided not to take these Fine Dress Goods into stock. It is a good time for you to select your Spring Gown. Almost any kind and color in the lot. Worth up to $1.75.
SPECIAL SALE PRICE.....50c

Golf Cape Cloths $1.00, worth $2.50

54-inch Golf Cloth. The correct fabric for the comfortable traveling cape. Worth up to $2.50.
SPECIAL SALE PRICE.....$1.00

20c Fine Colored Dress Linings, Sale Price 10c

10c Grass Cloth for Interlining, Sale Price 5c

Oriental Velour 50c, worth 75c

This elegant Velour, 40 inches wide, beautifully water-marked, in a handsome range of colors, for Shirtwaists and Fine Skirts. Worth 75c.
SPECIAL SALE PRICE.....50c

Morette Skirting 25c, worth 50c

This is always a popular Skirting, a good substitue for silk, plain colors and fancy stripes. Worth 50c.
SPECIAL SALE PRICE.....25c

$1.50 Plain and Brocade Colored Silks. SALE PRICE.....75c
50c Jap Silks, in good range of colors. SALE PRICE.....35c
75c Colored and Black Velveteens. SALE PRICE.....50c

Dress Goods Remnants

All to go before Saturday. Some very handsome exclusive fabrics in the lot. Your choice at JUST HALF MARKED PRICE.

250 Ladies' Waists, 75c

We have made one big table of all our odd lines of Shirtwaists, such as lustre, sateen, fine cambric and white organdies. Selling up to $2.50.
SPECIAL SALE PRICE.....75c

Good News from the Second Floor

The business in this popular section has been really wonderful. Away ahead of anything we ever hoped for. As a fitting climax to the big sale we have made reductions to smash all past records.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday Are The Days

$3.50 Corsets, $1.50

60 pairs of the High Grade P. D. Corsets in black and white, perfitting, all styles. Regular $3.50.
SALE PRICE.....$1.50

$1.50 Carsets, 65c

Clearing out all the odd sizes and makes of $1.50 Corsets, colors grey and black. Regular $1.50.
SALE PRICE.....65c.

Clearing Out All Our Furs at Half Marked Price. Fine Quality, High Class Open Capes at Half Price

$20.00 Capes, $6.50

10 only large stylish Traveling Capes; makes traveling a pleasure; worth up to $20.00.
SALE PRICE.....$6.50

$4.50 Dress Skirts, $2.95

Ladies' Heavy Black Dress Skirts, also a few fine Serge Skirts in the lot; worth up to $4.50.
SALE PRICE.....$2.95

$12.50 Silk Waists, sizes 32, 34, 36, 38, Sale Price, $3.00

$1.90 Misses' Waists, 25c

Misses' White Organdie and Printed Cambric Waists, sizes 26, 28, 30; worth up to $1.90.
SALE PRICE.....25c.

$2.00 Ladies' Waists. 50c

A grand clearing of these Cambric and White Organdie Waists, sizes 32, 34, 36 only; worth up to $2.00.
SALE PRICE.....50c.

$2.50 Eiderdown Dressing Sacques, Sale Price 75c

Children's Cashmerette Dresses 50c, worth $1.25

We clear this line of Children's at less than the cloth would cost. We are not going to take them into stock. Worth up to $1.25.
SPECIAL SALE PRICE.....50c

$7.50 Raincoats, $1.50

Nurses' Waterproof Cloaks in navy and black Cravenette, also Rubber-lined Raincoats. Worth up to $7.50.
SALE PRICE.....$1.50

$9.00 Raincoats, $3.75

Ladies' Heptonette Raincoats, in full length and three-quarter lengths. Worth up to $9.00.
SALE PRICE.....$3.75

Tremendous Reductions in Ladies' Jackets

We are determined to clear out every Jacket in stock. No carrying over from season to season is our motto.

$25.00 Jackets $2.50

Ladies' Short Jackets, made from the finest quality cloht, silk-lined and handsome carved pearl buttons. Worth up to $25.00.
SPECIAL SALE PRICE.....$2.50

Girls' Fine Serge Suits $3.50, worth $11.25

Girls' Stylish Tailor-made Suits, made in fine English Serge, in navy and Reseda, sizes 8 to 12 years. Regular values $7.90 to $11.25.
SPECIAL SALE PRICE.....$3.50

Ladies' Whitewear at Stock-Taking Sale Prices.

The next six months is the season when you will have most need for White Muslin Underwear. When the warm weather comes, however, you'll not get such bargain offerings as these for Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

45c Corset Covers, 30c

Ladies' Fine Muslin Corset Covers, daintily trimmed with lace and embroidery. Worth up to 45c each.
SPECIAL SALE PRICE.....30c

$1.35 Underskirts, 75c

Ladies' Fine White Underskirts extra full, with deep flounce or rich Swiss embroidery. Worth up to $1.35 each.
SPECIAL SALE PRICE.....75c

30c Drawers, 20c

Ladies' Fine Muslin Drawers, neatly finished with clusters of tucks and dainty lace trimming. Regular value 30c a pair.
SPECIAL SALE PRICE.....20c

$1.25 Night Dresses, 75c

Ladies' Fine Cambric Nightgowns, made in the Empire style, embroidery trimmed, with neatly tucked yoke. Regular value $1.25 each.
SPECIAL SALE PRICE.....75c

Ladies' Flannelette Underwear At Greatly Reduced Prices

90c FLANNELETTE DRAWERS, 55c.
Ladies' Pale Blue Flannelette Drawers, silk embroideried. Regular value 90c. SALE PRICE.....55c

$1.00 FLANNELETTE DRAWERS 60c.
Ladies' Fine Flannelette Drawers, in white and pink, trimmed with lace and embroidery; regular value $1.00.
ALE PRICE.....60c

$1.25 FLANNELETTE SKIRTS, 75c.
Ladies' Flannelette Skirts, in pink, blue and white, with embroidery and hemstitched ruffles. Worth up to $1.25 each. SALE PRICE....75c

$4.00 Golf Jackets for $1.00

Heavy Worsted Golf Jackets, with short sleeves, large sizes, plain colors. Worth $4.00. SPECIAL SALE PRICE.....$1.00

Boy's Suits and Overcoats Still Further Reduced in Price.

$4 00 Boys' Reefers, $1.50

Boys' Reefers in heavy Navy English serge, beaver and nap cloth, well lined and stylishly cut, in sizes 22, 23, 24, 25, 30 and31 only. Worth up to $4.00 each.
SPECIAL SALE PRICE.....$1.50

$4.00 Boys' Suits, $1.45

Boys' Scotch Tweed and English Suits in 2-piece and 3-piece styles, in sizes up to 25. Worth up to $4.00 a suit.
SPECIAL SALE PRICE.....$1.45

$12.50 Youths' Whipcord Overcoats for $5.00

$6.50 Boys' Reefers, 2.50

Boys' English Reefers, made of superior Beaver or Nap Cloth, with best quality linings, and a few with silk velvet collars, in sizes 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31 and 32 chest measure. Worth up to $6.50 each.
SPECIAL SALE PRICE.....$2.50

$7.50 Boys' Suits, $2.50

Your choice of any of our high class Boys' Suits for two dollars and fifty cents. Not one suit in the lot worth less than $4.50, and some as high as $7.50 a suit.
SPECIAL SALE PRICE.....$2.50

$8.50 Youths' Long-Pant Suits for $3.00

Men's English Sweaters, $1.50, worth $2.75

Men's Superior English Wool Sweaters, in cream and colored, with and without collars. Worth up to $2.75 each.
SPECIAL SALE PRICE.....$1.50

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THE JAPANESE SUCCESSES.

Certainly the results of the engagements between the Russian and Japanese fleets have been extraordinary. Within a few hours of the commencement of hostilities, Russia has had her naval force so greatly reduced by the Japanese attacks that, for the time being, at least, she seems to have lost command of the seas. Eleven battleships or cruisers disabled, more or less seriously, within twenty-four hours of the opening of the war, without a single vessel of the enemy being injured, is certainly a most unexpected and a most extraordinary circumstance. The accounts of the engagement off Port Arthur, given by the officers of an English merchant steamer, which was at that place, seem to show the superiority of the Japanese officers over their Russian opponents in respect to many qualifications that must be possessed by the successful commander, whether on sea or land. We pointed out the other day that the difference in the intelligence, skill and morale of the complements of the Russian and Japanese fleets was a most important detail to be taken account of in estimating the relative prospects of success of the two combatants. The incidents of this naval engagement off Port Arthur prove that to be so. The accounts show that the Russians kept a very poor lookout for a possible enemy; even after the alarm was given were slow in their effort to prevent another surprise, and, as the long list of the injuries to the Russian vessels shows, were almost helpless for hours against the attacks of the Japanese torpedo boat. The half-hearted attempt to follow the enemy's fleet, and which was abandoned in little more than an hour, cannot be understood until more detailed information is received. That the sudden and unexpected night attack considerably demoralized the Russians there is, however, no doubt, and the tactics of the Japanese commander show that he had this effect in view in the methods he pursued as well as the material advantage to be gained by the disablement of so many of the enemy's vessels. Personally brave, the Russian sailor is more stolid and entirely without the elan of the more diminutive Japanese, whom it has been the custom of the Russian officers to deride. But Monday night's engagement will doubtless cause a great change in opinion on that, and will make the Russians regard their opponents as far more formidable than they have pretended in the past to consider them to be. Within the last few years there has been a disposition in some naval quarters to consider that undue importance had been attached to the services that torpedo boats could render against battleships if proper precautions were observed on the latter. But the extraordinary results achieved by the Japanese boats will probably somewhat change that view, unless the circumstance is ascribed to the carelessness and inefficiency of the Russian commanders and crews.

Apart from the serious material loss inflicted on the Russians by the disablement of so many vessels in their fleet, a circumstance all the more serious from the fact that their facilities for effecting repairs are very incomplete and imperfect, as was stated by Admiral Alexieff in a report to his Government a few months ago, this blow at Russia's naval strength is, perhaps, even more important from the result that it will have on the ability of Russia to check the transportation of Japanese troops to important strategical points on the mainland. It is already stated that Port Arthur may be invested on the land side, and the assistance and protection that the land fortifications might otherwise give the fleet be rendered impossible. Although, if recent Russian reports are reliable, Russia has a much larger number of troops in Manchuria and at near parts of Russian Siberia than Japan has available to meet them, Japan's predominance at sea—as the outcome of Monday's naval engagement—will seriously interfere with Russian disposition of their forces. Even without that check, the fact that the naval and military operations would be carried on within a comparatively short distance of Japan's base of supplies, while Russia had to bring her supplies chiefly over a long line of railway, was a serious handicap to the latter in warlike movements. Of course, this first comparatively great success for Japan does not necessarily imply that she will be ultimately victorious. But it has given her an immediate advantage in many ways, and the Japanese are just the people to maintain the lead they have gained.

THE PROROGATION.

The Provincial Legislature was prorogued last evening by the Lieutenant-Governor, thus bringing to a close one of the shortest sessions in the legislative history of British Columbia. Yet the session's brevity does not imply that but little has been accomplished, as the list of over seventy bills assented to by His Honor yesterday clearly proves.

The feature by which the first session of this Parliament will be chiefly remembered is that it was the first at which the members of the House were divided on Federal party lines. It will not be disputed by those who are close observers and not entirely influenced by names, that this important change in the organization of the Legislature has caused some little stiffness in the operation of the party machinery. In some respects there has been evidence of the unreality of the attitude assumed on some occasions by one side of the House or the other to certain matters under consideration. Nor could this scarcely be avoided, since on many questions, those who now are on opposite sides of the House were, less than a year ago, working side by side and entirely agreed on those same matters. But there will be a change in this respect. Gradually each party will evolve a policy on different matters of Provincial interest and the debates will then assume a more real and distinctive character than they have sometimes had in the session now closed.

The most important legislation at this session was that relating to the Provincial finances, and the plans adopted for their restoration to a sound position. It was inevitable that some friction should arise; that some unpopularity should attach to a Government which was compelled to increase taxation in order to meet the obligations left it by preceding administrations. But this will be but temporary. Another twelvemonths should witness a great and satisfactory change in the financial position of the Province. With growing revenues and a disappearance of deficits, the whole situation will be changed and the present Government then be recognized as one that had the sagacity to realize the need of retrenchment and financial reform and the courage to give effect to that view.

Possibly there will be some dissatisfaction felt in various parts of the Province at the session having closed without any steps being taken to aid the extension of the railway system in British Columbia. The announcement made by the Premier on Tuesday last, and on which we commented yesterday, should, however, allay any feeling of dissatisfaction on that point. The delay of three or four months in giving legislative sanction to the aid proposed to be granted to certain railway enterprises will not seriously interfere with the schemes, while it is clearly in the public interest that the Government should have ample time and opportunity to elaborate the details of the arrangements that it will submit to the House at a special session in May or June next.

Notwithstanding all the Opposition prognostications of the impending defeat of the Government, the latter is found at the close of the session as strong numerically in the House as it was when it opened. With prudent management of Provincial affairs and an adherence to the policy endorsed by the people at the polls last October, there is no reason why the Government should not be sustained during the full term of the present Legislative Assembly.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

HALIBUT FISHING.

Sir,—The question raised in the legislature re halibut fishing, and your editorial on the same subject, show that the people of British Columbia are at last awakening to the fact that Americans have been exploiting our fishing banks for several years with hardly a word of protest from the public or the press.

We cannot blame the Americans for gathering in the unprotected treasures of the sea, wherever they can find them. We should rather blame those servants of the people in charge of government departments, who fail to conserve the resources of the province, and the rights of the people.

The statement that some special privilege or monopoly is enjoyed by the Fish Co. shipping via the C. P. R., is not quite correct.

The steamers of the New England Fish Company have a permit to "touch and trade," but this does not confer the right to catch fish within the three mile limit. If these steamers infringe on our fisheries it is the duty of the fisheries protection steamer to find it out and report the fact to Ottawa. British Columbia has the only halibut fisheries of commercial importance on the North Pacific coast. If the people of the province cannot secure adequate protection for these fisheries it is their own fault. If we lack the enterprise to engage in the halibut business, and fail to copy the methods of the Americans, there is no one to blame but ourselves.

As regards the duty on fish entering the United States, it may be noted that there is no duty whatever on fresh fish, whether caught by Canadians or Americans. Fish preserved in various ways pay from three-quarters of a cent to one cent and a half per pound duty.

Halibut caught in our waters can be laid down in Boston at a total cost of not more than four cents per pound, and the selling price to wholesale dealers in that city ranges from ten cents to twenty-five cents per pound.

Several thousand dollars are often cleared on a single shipment which have been caught in from three to six days.

Cold storage facilities exist in every important town and city, where the fish may be stored at a cost of half a cent a pound per month, to await a favorable state of the market.

The fact is that Canadian shippers would have as good an opportunity to sell fish as their American rivals, and with adequate protection of the fishing banks, it would be impossible for any one to undersell them.

At present there are steamers operating from Tacoma and about forty schooners from Seattle, all of which poach on our halibut banks.

It is time for our people to wake up, and exploit the riches of the sea, which forms part of our heritage.

W. H. BEST.

PROVINCIAL PRESS.

A terrible blizzard set in Saturday morning and the streets towards the lower town were so badly blocked that a team had to be unhitched in the roadway and the rig left there as the horses were unable to get it through. Several citizens had their ears frozen.—Revelstoke Mail.

W. S. Ruttan has received the sad intelligence of the death of his brother, J. F. Ruttan, at Port Arthur, Ontario, on January 21. An Associated Press despatch says: "J. F. Ruttan, real estate dealer, and one of the town's most prominent residents, died in the hospital here this afternoon. Deceased was a brother of Colonel Ruttan of Winnipeg." Much sympathy is extended to Mr. W. S. Ruttan by his friends throughout the valley in his bereavement.—Wilmer Outcrop.

A fifty-foot lot on Baker street, immediately west of the Griffin block, was sold yesterday to Frank E. Hebden for $10,000 by Harold Selous. The deal was put through by McDermid & McHardy. This is one of the prospective deals in Baker street property that were mentioned last week in the Tribune.—Nelson Tribune.

A quiet wedding took place yesterday afternoon at the Methodist church, the participants being Miss Minnie Hooper, daughter of Richard Hooper, Queen street, and Luth Husher Sorensen, of the War Eagle-Centre Star accounting department. The bride was accompanied by Mrs. William J. Prest as matron of honor. Rev. R. F. Stillman performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Sorensen left on the evening train over the Canadian Pacific for Coast points, where they will spend the next three weeks.—Rossland Miner.

Luc Krys, a Polander, was tried before L. Forbes yesterday morning on the charge of stealing cars of coal from his fellow miners at Morrissey. The police received valuable assistance from the Miner's Union in prosecuting the case. Krys and his backbard, John Zylanko had 15 cars to their credit on January 14th though the mines were open only 1½ hours on that shift and on the 15th they had 20 cars. The suspicions of the checkweighman were aroused and a warrant was issued for Krys' arrest. He learned of it and skipped to Frank, where he was followed by Constable Walker and brought to Fernie on Monday. Krys has a bad reputation in Fernie and Michel, where he has also worked.—Fernie Free Press.

SPRING IN COWICHAN.

Oh to feel the paddle dipping,
Hear the crystal water dripping,
See the alders softly slipping
Past the little light canoe;
When the smile of May is beaming,
And the dog-woods blooms are gleaming
And the days are dreaming, dreaming,
'Neath the skies bright blue.

Fragrant, vagrant winds a-blowing
Over out-fields greenly glowing,
Scented, pink-stained blossoms snowing
From the orchards' jeweled spray;
Lily hosts their bells a-ringing
Maple boughs their tassels swinging,
And the robin singing, singing
In the fern-lit way.

King-fishers like arrows flying,
Hooters faintly flute-like crying,
Gay cock pheasants fear defying
Where the lady-slippers bloom;
Scarlet-capped wood-peckers drumming,
Blossom cozened bees a-humming,
Barking squirrels going, coming
In the lone pine-gloom.

Dreams of primroses a-glimmer,
Dreams of Springtide and the shimmer
Of hay-meadows growing dimmer
Where the silver river gleams;
Dreams of restful, peaceful places,
Dreams of flower-lit, sun-steeped spaces,
Dreams of kindly, smiling faces—
Idle dreams, vain dreams.

—Robert Service.

Victoria.

BREATHLESSNESS.

The runner who sets out on a two-mile race usually passes through two distinct stages of exhaustion. In the first quarter, if the pace be fast, he feels the first symptoms of breathlessness—the throbbing temples, the surging in the ears, and the tightness about the chest that makes so many men drop out before completing half the distance. This might be called acute fatigue; but if he can keep on, the distress passes away. The heart and lungs work a little harder, and at last succeed in catching up with their task of purifying the increased stream of sewage brought to the lungs by the blood, to be carried off in the form of gases by respiration. The distress disappears from his face, the lungs seem to regain the power to expand, and a crushing weight appears to have been lifted from the chest. The head becomes clear, and the muscles act with renewed vigor and elasticity. The man has got his second wind.—R. Tait McKenzie in February Outing.

THE HABIT OF DOING ONE'S BEST.

This habit of always doing one's best enters into the very marrow of one's heart and character; it affects one's bearing, one's self-possession. The man who does everything to a finish has a feeling of serenity; he is not easily thrown off his balance; he has nothing to fear, and he can look the world in the face because he feels conscious that he has had nothing to do with shams and that he has always done his level best. The sense of efficiency, of being master of one's craft, of being equal to any emergency, the consciousness of possessing the ability to do with superiority whatever one undertakes, will give soul satisfaction which a half-hearted, slipshod worker never knows.

When a man feels throbbing within him the power to do what he undertakes as well as it can possibly be done, and all his faculties say "Amen" to what he is doing and give their unqualified approval to his efforts—this is happiness, this is success. This buoyant sense of power spurs the faculties to their fullest development. It unfolds the mental, the moral and the physical forces, and this very growth, the consciousness of an expanding mentality and of a broadening horizon, gives an added satisfaction beyond the power of words to describe. It is a realization of nobility, the divinity of the mind.—Success.

RISIBILITIES.

"Isn't it hard to lose your daughter?"

"No, not this one; I could have married her off a year ago. It is her older sister that's hard to lose."—Houston (Tex.) Post.

"Hear about Jones beating his wife last night?"

"Oh, no! Did he?"

"Yep. That woman never could play euchre."—Fort Worth Record.

"I positively detest the sight of the woman."

"I loathe the very mention of her name."

"Are you going to her next 'At home'?"

"Oh, yes. Are you?"

"Of course I am."—Boston Traveler.

J. B. Higginbotham—We are shipping you today, in partitioned crate, one French poodle and prize winning cat. Jones. Yours, Spigglum Company, Fanciers.

Spigglum Company, Fanciers—Partition fell down en route. Please send me another poodle.—J. B. Higginbotham.—Baltimore News.

MEN AND THINGS.

The man who broke the bank at Monte Carlo last was J. G. Grant, an American. The bank had bad luck all through the week, and its ill-success was greeted with vehement cheers. A fly alighted on No. 13. The gamblers piled their gold about the number and the fly cost the bank £5,000.

King Edward has taken a great interest in the work of the National Association for the Suppression of Bad Language, whose first annual report has just been issued. The organization is under distinguished patronage, and has Lord Wolseley for president. The notices, "Bad Language Forbidden," frequently seen in public places, are due to the association, and a pure-speech mission has been extensively carried on during the year by means of public meetings and the distribution of literature. There is a possibility that a dictionary of harmless words which can be used to take the place of obscene or profane language when the exigencies of the situation demand it, will be compiled and distributed.

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Regular $7.50, $8.75, $9.50, $9.75, $10.00, $10.50 — For $5.00
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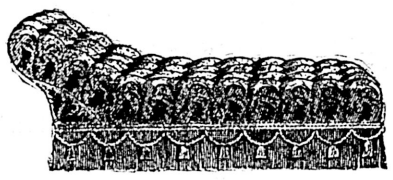
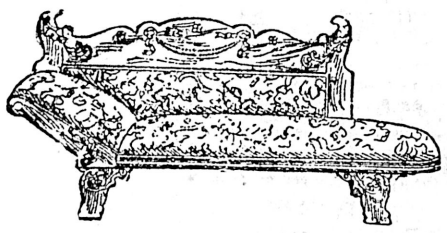
Regular $17.50, $18.50, $20.00. — For $9.50
Regular $22.50, $25.00, $27.50 $30.00 — For $15.00
Regular $17.50, $18.50, $20.00 — For $9.50
Regular $35.00, $37.50, $40,00, $45.00 — For $20.00
Regular $50.00, $60.00, $65.00, $75.00, $85.00 — For $25.00

A FEW OF THE STYLES
Black Cloth Coats, three-quarter length, box back, shoulder capes and cloth ends, bell sleeve, silk lining.
Black Coats, bias back, three shoulder capes, newest puff sleeves, lapels of coat richly trimmed with black and white applique, quilted silk lining.
Ladies' Fawn Coats, full back, trimmed with insertion of wool lace, flat collar, very full sleeve, white satin lining.
These are French samples, and are suitable for evening or street wear; a great many different styles to choose from.
Coats in Tweed Mixtures, colors, grey, blue, green and brown, tight fitting and full back; shoulder capes and stole ends; three-quarter and short lengths; flat collar and new sleeve. Many others.

More Interesting News in the Furniture Department. Sale of Lounges


18 Lounges, ranging in price from $22.50 to $32.50 on sale Friday at..... $14.00 EACH

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, TWO CLEAN-UP DAYS IN THE LADIES' UNDERWEAR DEPARTMENT.
$1.25 Vests for 65c.
Nine dozen Ladies' All-Wool Vests. These Vests are English made and of pure undyed wool. Ribbed cuffs and skirt.
15c. for Children's Drawers, good soft quality, cotton fleeced lining.
25c. for Children's Drawers, sizes 2, 4 and 5. Regular price 50c.
Infants' Vests, sizes 1, 2, 3 and 4, button front, trimmed and pearl buttons. Friday, 10c. each.
At 35c. worth 50c. and 75c.
In this lot are Black Ribbed Wool Vests, long sleeves; regular price 75c. Also natural Ribbed Wool Vests; regular price 50c.
Small lots of Vests showed on counters at prices to clear them out quickly.

A CLEAN-UP SALE IN THE MILLINERY DEPARTMENT FRIDAY
50c. for Children's Trimmed Hats; worth from twice to four times 50c.
25c. each for all kinds of Untrimmed Hats, every one put out to go at this price.

The Sale of Lace Curtains Commenced Yesterday. Prices Listed Before

90c. Eiderdown Flannels for 50c.
Eiderdown Flannels, 54 inches wide. Colors, fawn, grey and cardinal. Friday 50c. yard.
65c. Skirtings for 35c.
45 inch Skirtings. Colors, black, blue, fawn, mauve, pink, brown and green. Friday, 35c. yard.
90c. and $1.00 Flannelette Night Dresses, 65c.
135 only in this offering; colors, pink, blue and white. Three slips of front and yoke trimmed lace, etc.
Ladies Flannelette Drawers, 50c. quality, Friday, 35c.
Good soft Flannelette, colors and white Children's Flannelette Drawers; a few dozen left to sell at 25c. pair.
Carpet Squares made from short pieces of carpet on sale Friday.
This is one way of keeping our Carpet stock fresh. Prices, $7.50 to $15.00 each.

THE FEBRUARY SALE OF HOUSE FURNISHINGS
Prices tell of great savings in the sale of Furniture, Carpets, Linoleums, etc.
Dining chairs, from 45c.
Dining Tables, from $5.75.
Bedroom Suits, from $14.75.
English Linoleums, Regular 65c., for 40c. square yard.
Regular $1.10, for 85c. square yard.
$1.00 Carpets for 65c.
50c. Carpets for 35c.

Auction Sale
Under and by virtue of a Landlord's Distress Warrant, I have distrained the goods and chattels in or upon the premises, No. 33 Frederick street, consisting of Household Furniture and Effects, Horse and Buggy, and will offer the same, or a sufficient portion thereof for sale at Public Auction on Thursday next, February 11th, at 2 o'clock p. m. Terms cash.
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Local News.

Monthly Meeting.—The regular monthly meeting of the Y's was held last evening at the Refuge Home, Cormorant street. They were addressed by Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Spofford.

New Publication.—Messrs. Mowat & Walace, the grocers, are publishing a monthly trade magazine entitled "Jewell Bill of Fare." It contains prices of their stock and seasonable suggestions for up-to-date housewives.

Purchased Ranch.—James Buchanan, head of the great Scotch whiskey distilling firm of James Buchanan & Co., has purchased a valuable ranch in the Okanagan valley, near Vernon. He will go in extensively for fruit and stock raising.

Meeting Postponed.—In consequence of Thursday, the 18th, being Memorial Day, the parlor meeting arranged for today by the central branch of the W. C. T. U. will not be held until that day. At the meeting today in the Refuge Home a parliamentary drill will be conducted by Mrs. Spofford.

Small Loss.—Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., general agents for the Scottish Union and National Insurance Company, have received advices from this company that their losses in the Baltimore fire are about $150,000, which is probably the smallest loss of the leading companies. *

Police Court.—Four drunks were up in the Police court yesterday, three paid $5.00 and one $2.50. Two vagrants' cases were adjourned. Charles P. Connelly was fined $10 for infraction of the public morals by-law. The murder case of Wong On and Wong Gow was adjourned until this afternoon at 2:30.

Gift to J. B. A. A.—H. Cole, of the Pritchard house, has donated to the J. B. A. A. Club four handsome pictures of world-renowned sporting men. Among these are Hanlan and Seeley, the champion oarsmen, and Prince, the bicycle rider. The secretary will thank Mr. Cole for his gift.

Warming Up.—Politics in the far-away Yukon country are warming up. Fifty Dawson Conservatives are getting ready for the Dominion elections. Jos. A. Clarke is wire pulling for the nomination, and Dr. Thompson and W. H. Walsh are both spoken of as nominees. Many regular Conservatives refuse to recognize Clarke.

Death at Convent.—The death occurred on Tuesday at the St. Ann's Convent of Sister Mary Ethelbert, after a prolonged illness. Deceased was a native of Minneapolis, Minn., where her relatives now reside. She came to Victoria six years ago and entered the convent. The funeral is arranged to take place at 9 o'clock this morning.

Two More Caught.—The local police believe that the two Chinamen caught attempting to land at Custer, eight miles from Blaine, Wash., are two of the escaped murderers of Man Quon. Photographs are being taken and if identified the men will be brought over here. A knotty point is will the city have to pay $500 head tax on each to bring them here for trial?

Work at Signal Hill.—John Bull keeps busy "sawing wood" in the vicinity of Signal Hill, Esquimalt, getting ready for eventualities. Blasting the rock for the big gun emplacements continues energetically. The new road from the top of the hill is well under way, and will soon join the Esquimalt road. The 9.2 gun and all the heavy mountings, shields, etc., have been painted and placed in a convenient place for moving later on.

A Treat for Tomorrow.—The magic lantern entertainment at the city hall tomorrow evening under the auspices of the S. P. C. A. promises to be largely attended. The slides are a very beautiful selection, prepared by Mr. Sparling, of Vancouver, who has kindly lent them for this occasion. F. W. Best has offered to loan and operate his fine magic lantern. Mr. South, the provincial secretary, will give a short descriptive address on each picture shown. Recitations illustrating some of the subjects will be given by pupils of the schools.

A Land of Wonders.—Not content with startling the world with the yield of placer gold, the Yukon country has another surprise to offer. A Dawson despatch says: "Natural gas has been struck by two miners, Williams and Mitchell, who were sinking on Lapine creek, for placer. When a depth of sixty feet was reached Williams' pick broke through the ground and gas came hissing out. Williams lighted it and was badly burned before he escaped. The flow gradually diminished. A company is now being organized to start large boring operations."

Paardeberg Programme.—Following is the complete programme to be given in the Drill hall on the evening of the 18th inst., in celebration of Paardeberg day: Physical drill without arms; Victoria Cross race; boxing exhibition (three rounds); physical drill with arms; McNamara's band; field gun competition including dismounting and disabled ordnance work between teams from No. 1 Company (1903 winners) and No. 2 Company; sword and cutlass drill; awkward squad; tug-of-war, No. 5 Company (winners of championship at agricultural exhibition, 1903) vs. No. 6 Company; grand tableau. A number of musical selections will be given by the Fifth Regiment band during the evening. Two extremely funny clowns will occupy the floor during the evening. The general admission will be 25c. and 25c. additional for the galleries. There will be no reserved seats.

No Practice.—There will be no gallery practice at the Drill hall tomorrow evening.

Died at Hospital.—John Ross, of Comox, died yesterday at the St. Joseph's hospital. His remains were removed to the parlors of W. J. Hanna. Notice of funeral will appear later.

Successful Social.—The "present" social held at the home of Mrs. Hardy, Victoria West, on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Ladies of the Maccabees, proved a pronounced success. There was a good attendance, and a pleasant time was spent by all present. A collection was taken up in aid of the work during the evening.

Offer a Cup. — Messrs. James Buchanan & Co., the great firm of Scotch distillers, has signified a willingness, through their agents, Messrs, Radiger & Janion, to offer a silver cup for competition amongst rowing clubs on the Pacific Coast, the value of the same to be £100 and it to be a perpetual trophy.

A Few Steps Higher.—As their adv. Coffee House has moved up from 62 to 71 Fort street, next to Terry & Marett's drug store, where they will be pleased to attend to the wants of all who favor them with their patronage in Teas and Coffees. *

Delayed Mail Arrives.—The Charmer brought down from Vancouver yesterday evening three days' mail, the same having been stalled at a point near Field on the C. P. R. owing to the tremendous fall of snow. The C. P. R. hopes to have trains running on schedule time hereafter, the big rotaries having cleared the track.

Art Exhibit.—In the studio windows of Mr. H. C. Martindale, 53 Douglas street, may be seen some works of both the fine and industrial arts by students who contributed to his late exhibition. The display is well worth viewing and should prove instructive to the majority, especially young people in any way connected with art subjects.

Met Old Friend.—An old friend in the person of Albert Johnson, honorary pipe major of the Kilties band was encountered by Constable Munro of the local police force on Tuesday. It was Mr. Johnson who first taught Constable Munro how to play the pipes, and the fact that the Victoria bobby is no mean performer is due to the instruction he received from the pipe major.

In Chambers.—Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Drake in chambers yesterday morning, Morgan vs. British Yukon, Bradburn for plaintiff and Cassidy, K. C., defendant, application examination to de bene esse. Order to go on affidavit being filed that witness is going out of jurisdiction. Re estate Eleanor Raitr, deceased, Walls for applicant, to fix executors remuneration. Three per cent allowed and actual expenses incurred by executors.

To Accommodate Inspector.—R. P. Rithet & Company have been notified by the Pacific Coast Steamship Company that hereafter steamers of the Victoria and San Francisco line will leave this city for the Golden Gate at 7:30 o'clock instead of 8. The change, it is explained, has been made to accommodate the quarantine officer who comes to Victoria on every ship and inspects all local and Vancouver passengers before the ship sails.

Valentine Day.—Monday next will be St. Valentine's Day, the occasion when those smitten with Cupid's darts may exchange tender missives without incurring ridicule or offence. Of late years the custom of observing the day has been more honored in the breach than the observance; but the local book stores this season have a considerable stock of valentines of the better sort—the cheap and gaudy kind having been almost completely driven from the market.

Brushes.—A look in at the windows of Terry & Marett, druggists, corner Fort and Douglas streets, should be sufficient proof of the deep interest taken by this popular firm in the care and preservation of the most important faculty in the human anatomy—the teeth—which, if not kept clean and looked after by the free use of the brush, will sooner or later, go to decay, then imperfect mastication is followed by indigestion—and "then you know the rest." See their adv. top of fourth page. *

Food For the Fighters.—A large consignment of food stuffs went to the Far East on the Kaga Maru which sailed on Tuesday afternoon. Two of the principal consignments are flour, 135,000 sacks, and barley, 22,922 bushels. Of late the Japanese have been making heavy purchases of barley as well as of flour. The barley is consigned to Kobe, while the flour is billed principally to Nagasaki, Yokohama and Kobe. The latter city gets 600 cases of condensed milk. An equal number of cases is billed to Port Arthur and 1,300 cases are consigned to Hongkong.

Paul Gilmore Tonight.—Tonight at the Victoria theatre Paul Gilmore and his excellent company will present the latest triumph, "The Mummy and the Humming Bird." Last season Paul Gilmore made a pronounced success in "The Tyranny of Tears." This season he has scored a positive triumph in the new play. Paul Gilmore is, in himself, a unique figure on the American stage. In "The Mummy and the Humming Bird," his manager, Jules Murry, has given Mr. Gilmore a vehicle calculated to show off all his actor's good qualities to the best possible advantage.

"Ze Win' She Blow."—Between three and 4 o'clock yesterday morning the velocity of the gale which started on Tuesday evening reached sixty miles an hour. This makes it easily the heaviest of the season. The Princess Beatrice did not leave her dock until 5 a. m. and the Charmer remained tied up until 7 o'clock. The storm was general along the coast from the Columbia river north. The damage from the gale around the city is not extensive, and is confined principally to fences, chimneys, etc. A chimney over the B. C. Market received a severe shaking in the fore part of the night, and a number of bricks came crashing to the sidewalk, fortunately not injuring anyone.

Smuggler Suicides.—Joe Manuel, a Portuguese fisherman and sailor, committed suicide some time Saturday night or Sunday, on board his gasoline launch Sinbad, moored at Friday harbor, San Juan island, by shooting the top of his head off with a Winchester rifle of heavy caliber. It is said that he was a member of the crew of a vessel which was fitted out at Victoria for a smuggling trip to Honolulu some ten or twelve years ago. The story goes that he was cheated out of his wages by the master of the craft and that subseqently meeting him in Victoria he nearly killed him and then fled, taking up his residence on Stuart island, where he lived alone, close to the international boundary, which he never regarded as an obstacle to his traffic in contraband goods, especially whiskey.

No. 2 Company.—The annual general meeting of No. 2 Company Association was held on Tuesday evening after drill. There was a very large attendance and considerable business was disposed of. The secretary-treasurer's report was read and adopted. The finances of the association are in good shape. The election of officers was as follows: Company Sergeant-Major C. Harris, president; Sergt. Richdale, vice president; Bomb. C. Holmes, secretary-treasurer, and Corp. C. Loat, Gr. L. Foot, Gr. J. Byrn and Gr. T. Ross, council. Auditors, Gr. Cridge and Gr. E. Fawcett. After business refreshments were served and a good, social time spent. All members of No. 2 Company are requested to meet at the Drill hall tonight at 8 p. m. as business of importance will be discussed.

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A special vatting of the cream of Old Highland Whiskies. Matured for many years in Sherry Wood before being bottled.

Funeral Yesterday.—The funeral of the late John Ross took place yesterday afternoon from the parlors of W. J. Hanna. The Rev. E. G. Miller conducted the services at the parlors and grave.

An Indian Pioneer.—Mary, widow of the late Chief Jim, aged 80 years, died last evening on the Reserve. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning to the Roman Catholic church, at 9:30 o'clock.

Centenarian's Funeral.—The remains of the late Mrs. Mary Moclair were laid to rest yesterday afternoon. The funeral took place from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Hamlin, Carberry Gardens, at 2 o'clock, and at Christ Church Cathedral, at 2:30, where service was conducted by the Right Rev. Bishop Perrin, assisted by the Rev. J. H. S. Sweet. The choir was in attendance and appropriate hymns were sung. The many beautiful floral emblems testified to the esteem in which the deceased lady was held. The following acted as pallbearers: Senator McDonald, F. B. Pemberton, Gavin Burns, J. A. Mara, L. Crease, C. Pemberton.

Back From California.—After a month's visit to sunny California, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hobson are expected home this evening, via Vancouver, where they arrived on Tuesday evening. There was no man more pleased than Mr. Hobson to see the snow. The more the better for him, for it will supply much water next summer for the operations of the Cariboo Consolidated Company, of which he is manager, and which has been handicapped the last two seasons by lack of sufficient water. While away Mr. Hobson visited the interior of California, with which he is thoroughly familiar, having for some years been engaged in hydraulic mining there, previous to coming to British Columbia. He will remain a month or so on the Coast before proceeding to Cariboo.

Preparing for Hotel.—The first practical step towards preparing for the erection of the big C. P. R. Tourist hotel on James Bay flats was taken yesterday when Mr. John Etten, an expert engineer from Seattle, installed the apparatus necessary to the taking of borings to establish how far it will be necessary to excavate. This action is taken in response to a letter addressed to Mr. Rattenbury, the architect for the huge structure, by the council, in which a request was made for information which would assist the city in proceeding intelligently with the work of filling in the flats. The borings are deemed necessary before any construction work can be started, it being imperative that the nature of the material on which the foundations will rest should be established.

Tramway to Cemetery.—That street cars will be running to the cemetery within a year is now practically certain. A delegation consisting of the mayor, a number of the aldermen and some influential citizens, had an interview with Mr. Buntzen, general manager, and Mr. A. T. Goward, local manager of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, yesterday, and urged the extension of the tramway from the corner of Yates and Douglas streets, along Douglas to Humboldt, and thence to the cemetery. Mr. Buntzen assured the deputation that the matter would be taken under consideration at once by the company, and that without doubt the line would be running to the cemetery within a year. This announcement pleased the deputation immensely, and will be received with favor by the general public, as the need for such additional tram facilities grows more pressing each year.

World's Sunday School Convention.—Postmaster Noah Shakespeare has very kindly handed the Colonist a copy of an attractive little booklet descriptive of the cruise to the Mediterranean and the Orient in connection with the World's Fourth Sunday School convention, to be held in April of this year at Jerusalem. The huge party of excursionists will sail from New York on Tuesday, March 8th next, at 3 p. m. on the magnificent North German Lloyd steamer Grosser Kurfurst. Two delegates will go from British Columbia, one from Vancouver and one from Vernon. In the list of those who are entitled to membership in the party may be included Sunday school superintendents, teachers, scholars, pastors and laymen distinctly identified with Sunday school work. The entire cost of the trip from New York back to New York will be $300 and upwards, including shore excursions, hotels, fees, guides, drives and all necessary expenses.

Lincoln-Ullyot-Bucknam. — The residence of Capt. S. W. Bucknam, Montreal street, was the scene of a pretty home wedding on Tuesday evening, when his eldest daughter, Miss Alma Jeannette, was united in marriage to Mr. H. J. Lincoln-Ullyot, of Langdon, Dakota, where the groom has extensive farming interests. The young couple were supported by Mr. A. Clayton and Zoe Bucknam, sister of the bride. Rev. W. C. King officiated, the ceremony being solemnized at 6 o'clock. A large number of beautiful presents were received. The room was very handsomely decorated, evergreens and flowers being used with most graceful and artistic effect. After the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Ullyot left on the Sound steamer en route to their new home amidst the well wishes and congratulations of a large number of friends. The bride is well known in musical circles, both she and her sister having delighted local audiences with vocal selections on many occasions.

Ladies of Maccabees.—An interesting meeting of Victoria Hive, No. 1, Ladies of the Maccabees, was held Tuesday evening, when after routine business and the election of candidates to membership Provincial Deputy Mrs. Spofford installed the officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. H. Edwards, past commander; Mrs. K. Jackson, commander; Mrs. M. Rathom, lieut.-commander; Mrs. Minnie Myers, record keeper; Mrs. R. Aaronson, finance keeper; Mrs. Wall, chaplain; Mrs. F. Clyde, sergeant; Mrs. McCrea, sentinel. Mrs. Spofford complimented the Hive on the selection of its staff of officers; briefly reviewed the work of the order, which in the past two years has more than doubled its membership, and which today represents life protection carried by its members to the amount of $90,000, and pointed out most hopeful indications of still greater growth and success in the year to come. A very pleasant duty was then performed by Mrs. McGregor, who on behalf of the members presented Mrs. Myers, who for six years has most faithfully and efficiently served as record keeper, with an expression of the appreciation of the Hive of the faithful service thus rendered. The gift, a gold watch and chain, was a complete surprise to the recipient. Dainty refreshments were served and the remainder of the evening spent in social intercourse.

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McNamara's Band.—The members of McNamara's Band, which will appear at the Drill hall at the Paardeberg celebration, held a practice last night. The were at the practice say it will "take were a tthe practice say it will "take the bun."

Got Five Years.—Paul Newman appeared before Magistrate Yarwood on Monday, and one of the swiftest operations of the justice mill ever seen in Nanaimo took place. Newman is the man who landed at Nanaimo last Tuesday evening week, visiting Nanaimo for the first time in his life. He broke into a house in less than an hour after his arrival and appropriated a warm overcoat, walked down to Ladysmith and broke into another house before daylight and landed in Victoria the same day with his pockets full of loot gathered at this end of the line. Mr. Yarwood was swifter even than Newman. He read the charges and gave the prisoner his choice of trial there and then or trial by jury. The prisoner looked at Mr. Yarwood for a moment and elected to have his case taken at once. Then he pleaded guilty to both charges, and Mr. Yarwood, after finding that the police knew nothing else against the man, gave him a sentence of five years' penal servitude on each count, the terms to run concurrently. The entire transaction lasted less than ten minutes.

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Special Meeting Of School Board

New Teacher Appointed on the Staff of the High School.

Special Committee Will Determine Best Fire Alarm System For Schools.

The regular meeting of the School Trustee Board was held last evening in the council chamber, there being present Chairman Trustee Jay, Trustees Hall, Huggett, Mrs. Jenkins, Boggs, Mowat and Lewis, the city superintendent and Assistant Secretary Miss McDonald.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

A communication was read from Lieut.-Colonel Hall, asking for the loan of 250 chairs from the South Park school for use during the Paardeberg celebration. On motion of Trustee Lewis, seconded by Trustee Boggs the request was granted.

A communication was also read from Ed Bragg, offering the Odd Fellows' hall, Spring Ridge, for rent for auxiliary school accommodation. Communication laid on the etable until the matter comes up for discussion.

A communication was read from City Clerk Dowler, stating that the city council were prepared to submit a by-law for raising the sum of $40,000 extraordinary expenditure needed by the board for a school building. Received and filed.

The following letter was read from Mr. R. L. Drury, M. P. P., which was received and filed, and the secretary instructed to thank the writer.

Dear Sir: For the information of yourself and the board I wish to say that the enclosed bill was a subject of some discussion by myself, both on the floor of the House and also in several interviews with the Hon. the Premier. The ground I took was strongly against compelling candidates for third-class certificates to attend the Normal school at Vancouver, contending that their professional training should be given locally, the same as is done in all towns in Ontario by what are known as model schools. The Premier acted very fairly, and in view of the representations made consented to drop this feature from the bill so as to allow of further time for interested parties and educational boards throughout the province to present their views to the government. It seems to me that this is a subject of considerable interest to our citizens laid on the table until the matter comes generally and especially to those entering the teaching profession, and if your board feels interested in the matter I think it would be advisable to make their views known to the government before the next session of the legislature.

I introduced the amendment to the School Act making it unnecessary for the school board to present a petition to the city council for the purpose of passing a money by-law, and the amendment passed, so that your board will now have the right to ask the city council to submit a by-law to the people without going to the expense and trouble of a petition from the ratepayers.

R. L. DRURY.

Mr. Pineo wrote asking for certain material for a lantern which the boys have made in the Manual Training school. The cost would be about $11.50. Referred to the finance committee.

The principal of the Central Girls' School asked the board to donate $5.00 towards the purchase of a set of Encyclopedia Britannica. Granted.

The building and grounds committee reported as follows:

We recommend that the space between the sidewalk on King's road and Second street be filled in with the board from the old fence, and that the work be done by day labor at a cost not exceeding $20.00.

That all the doors in the South Park School be made to open outwards and that your committee have power to order such work to be undertaken at once.

That orders be issued to use all the exits in the South Park school when the pupils are dismissed in order to accustom the children to them in case of fire. Also that the janitor be ordered to have all doors unlocked during the school hours.

We further report that the boiler of the Central School has been inspected and the work required by the inspector has been carried out. For this we ask the approval of the board.

We would also ask authority to rearrange a portion of the fire insurance in order that one-third of the policies shall fall due on the 1st day of March next.

We would ask the opinion as to the advisability of providing about ten square yards of slated cloth for the Chinese schoolroom.

The recommendations of the committee were adopted.

Trustee Boggs gave notice that at the next meeting of the board he should move that a sports' committee be appointed.

Trustee Lewis spoke as to the number of pupils receiving tuition over 16 years of age, viz 79. He said it cost the city about $700 to teach these, and he thought the board were not within their legal right.

Trustees Hall and Boggs said there was no question of the legality.

Trustee Mowat brought up the matter of fire alarms in the two storey schools. He proposed that "buzzers" should be installed, which would not alarm the scholars and yet intimate that there was was a fire. He suggested that the board should formulate rules in connection therewith.

A resolution of sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Paul was unanimously passed.

Trustee Mowat brought up the matter of providing proper drinking water for the schools and suggested a hygienic fountain for each school which was referred to the special fire alarm committee.

Trustee Boggs gave notice of a motion that a regular annual field day for the pupils of the public schools should be set apart.

The board then proceeded to elect a teacher for the High school to fill the vancancy caused by the resignation of Miss Watson.

Trustee Hall moved that the appointment be only temporary and that the salary be $900. Carried.

The board then went into committee of the whole and selected Miss Jeanette C. Cann.

With reference to the use of light in the High school up to as late at 11 o'clock at night, the superintendent explained that Mr. Pineo gave lessons to older students for which he paid for the use of the light and replaced any apparatus injured or material used. Another reason, the superintendent said, was that Mr. Pineo had to prepare overnight for his clses experiments for the next day's lessons. Permission to continue his work was unanimously granted to Mr. Pineo.

Trustee Hall moved that a special committee of three be formed re the by-law for extraordinary expenditure. The motion carried.

The committee will report to a special meeting of the board. The committee will be composed of Trustees Hall, Mrs. Jenkins and Trustee Boggs.

The meeting then adjourned.

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mittee on the bill to amend the Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900.

Quite a discussion took place on the amendment to make a $500 property qualification and Mr. Davidson (Ind.-Lab., Slocan,) objected very strongly to this especially, as he said, it was introduced without notice. Mr. Parker Williams also upheld the objection and descanted upon property qualifications generally. Hon. Mr. Tatlow held that persons who were going to spend the people's money ought to have some sort of tangible responsibility.

The amendment was carried, 16 to 11.

The bill was reported complete with amendments. Report adopted; third reading next sitting.

LINE FENCES.

The Line Fences bill (Mr. Evans) was read a third time and passed.

MEDICAL ACT.

Mr. Macgowan moved the third reading of the Medical Act, 1898 Amendment bill. Read and passed.

MEMBERS' PASS BILL.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite moved the third reading of the bill respecting railway and steamship transportation in certain cases.

Mr. Cotton was opposed to this bill because the house was doing something it had no power to do. The promoter of the bill said the Dominion government had passed such a measure, but this house when it passes an act is supposed to have power to enforce it. If it passed the legislature could not enforce it, and would be brought into disrepute amongst the people and throughout the Dominion. The Kaslo & Slocan and the Victoria and Sidney were the only systems that could be made amenable to this act; the C.P.R. and its branches would certainly not come under this act. If the bill carried the mileage allowance to members should be struck out; hon. members would certainly not accept mileage if the bill passed. It was most unreasonable in the case of members coming from long distances. On public grounds and personal considerations, and for the dignity of the legislature this bill should not pass.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow asked that if this bill passed that the sum in the estimates for mileage should lapse.

Mr. Murphy (Cariboo) humorously reviewed the matter, saying it amounted to confiscation, and as no member would contest it if a railway refused to grant a pass, and it would cost him more than his sessional indemnity and then lose, what was the use of this bill?

The Premier contended in favor of the bill, saying what the hon. member from Nanaimo intended to do was to put this upon the statute books and make it the law of the land which was much better than custom. The opposition had entirely mistaken the motive of the promoter of the bill; it was simply intended to make the custom the law. No bodies would hail with more delight the appearance of this bill on the statute books than the transportation companies. Long ago the lobbies would have been strung with protesters in the interests of the companies. The leader of the government at Ottawa had given this subject his sanction; surely the opposition were not going to set at defiance such an example.

Mr. Macdonald (Rossland) thought the railway companies had shown more regard for their dignity than the legislature had done for its own in this matter. He thought the Premier's logic unsound which followed out to its logical sequence, must reduce it to absurdity. The legislature need not be guided by Ottawa; this house was the best judge of what was fit and proper as affecting itself. He then calculated the proportion of time given by various members to the service of the country in the house, showing how well entitled the distant members were to their mileage. It was beneath the dignity of this house to accept transportation in this manner.

The motion for third reading was defeated, 14 to 21.

MASTER AND SERVANT.

Mr. Wells asked the discharge of Bill 56, "An Act to amend the Master and Servant Amendment Act, 1899," in order to introduce another more suitable. The bill was discharged.

LIQUOR LICENSES.

Mr. Bowser moved the second reading of the bill to amend the Liquor License Act, 1900. He briefly outlined the scope of the bill. The bill was read a second time and committed, Mr. Munro in the chair.

An amendment introduced by Mr. Ross was decided by the chairman to be outside the scope of the bill and was accordingly submitted to Mr. Speaker, who decided it out of order, as it referred to a matter not covered in the act.

The committee reported the bill complete with amendments. Report to be considered next sitting.

MUNICIPAL CLAUSES.

Mr. Garden moved the second reading of the bill to amend the Municipal Clauses Act. Read a second time and committed, Mr. Gifford in the chair.

The committee reported the bill complete with amendments. To be considered Wednesday.

PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS ACT.

Mr. Oliver moved the second reading of the Provincial Elections Act.

Mr. Houston said this was a bill that should be relegated to the waste basket. It was an attempt to change an act which had been found to work well.

Mr. Murphy of Cariboo said this was just what the house had been doing for two or three weeks past. (Roars of laughter.)

Mr. Cameron spoke in support of the bill and said that the proposed changes were in the line of improvements. It was to put back the date of the voters' list one month.

Bill read a second time and to be committed next sitting.

ANIMALS ACT.

Mr. McInnes moved the second reading of the Animals Act. He said that a large number of animals of a certain class east of the Cascades were allowed to run at large six months of the year. The bill proposed that the Lieutenant-Governor should define the times and limits when these and where these animals should run at large west of the Cascades.

Mr. Murphy asked that the provisions of the bill be confined only to Vancouver Island.

Mr. McInnes agreed and the bill was read a second time and committed, Mr. Fraser in the chair.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite proposed an amendment defining the open season for grit politicians to be at large. The amendment was defeated.

The bill was reported complete, Report adopted.

The house adjourned at 12.42 a.m. until 2 p.m. Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S SITTING.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 8:55 p. m.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Mr. Clifford presented the second interim report of the select committee of inquiry into the construction of Government House. He obtained leave to withdraw the resolution submitted in the afternoon. The report is as follows:

Mr. Speaker,—Your select standing committee appointed to enquire into the construction of Government House, begs to present the following second interim report:

From the evidence so far given before the committee the committee is convinced that Mr. F. M. Rattenbury, supervising architect, thoroughly protected the interests of the province, and that in all matters brought to his notice his conduct throughout has been honorable and satisfactory.

Your committee further begs to report that owing to the premature ending of its labors, it feels it is not justified in commenting further on the evidence produced.

(Signed) CHAS. W. D. CLIFFORD,
Chairman.

Received and adopted unanimously.

RETURN PRESENTED.

The Chief Commissioner presented a return relating to certain timber leases. Received.

PROROGATION.

The Speaker formally took his leave of the chair, and was succeeded in the chair by His Honor. The clerk then read the list of bills passed during the session, in addition to those assented to before the Christmas vacation, for His Honor's assent, as follows:

No. 9. An Act to amend the "Agricultural and Horticultural Societies Act."

No. 10. An Act for the Protection of Insectivorous and other Birds."

No. 12. An act to amend the "Coal Mines Regulation Act."

No. 14. An Act to amend the "Pharmacy Act."

No. 15. An Act to amend the 'Municipal Clauses Act."

No. 16. An Act to amend the "Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act, 1902."

No. 18. An Act to amend the "Midway & Vernon Railway Company Act, 1901."

No. 19. An Act to further amend the "Steam Boilers Inspection Act, 1901."

No. 20. An Act to consolidate and amend the law respecting the Qualification and Registration of Electors, the Regulation of Elections of Members of the Provincial Legislative Assembly, and the Trial of Controverted Elections.

No. 21. An Act to amend the "Mechanics' Lien Act."

No. 22. An Act to amend the "Sale of Goods Act."

No. 24. An Act to amend the "Horticultural Board Act."

No. 26. An Act respecting the Constitution, Practice and Procedure of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and for other purposes relating to the Administration of Justice.

No. 27. An Act to provide for the Proper Management of Jails, and for the Organization, Management and Discipline of the Provincial Police Force."

No. 29. An Act to amend the "Coal Mines Regulation Act."

No. 30.—An Act to amend the "Game Protection Act, 1898."

No. 31. An Act respecting Sanitary Drainage Companies.

No. 33. An Act to amend the "Health Act."

No. 34. An Act to amend the "Public Schools Act."

No. 36. An Act to amend the "Polson Act."

No. 37. An Act to amend the "Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Incorporation Act."

No. 38. An Act to amend the "Land Registry Act Amendment Act, 1900."

No. 39. An Act to provide an additional sum for the completion of the New Westminster Bridge across the Fraser River.

No. 40. An Act to regulate Immigration Into British Columbia.

No. 42. An Act to secure to certain Pioneer Settlers within the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Land Belt their surface and under-surface rights.

No. 43. An Act to amend the "Public Parks Act."

No. 44. An Act to amend the "Companies Act, 1897."

No. 45. An Act relating to the Attachment of Debts.

No. 46. An Act to amend the "Line Fences and Water Courses Act."

No. 47. An Act further to amend the "Coal Mines Regulation Act."

No. 48. An Act to amend the "County Courts Act."

No. 49. An Act to amend the Judgments Act, 1899."

No. 50. An Act to enable the City of Vancouver to acquire any Lands and Interests in, or adjoining the foreshore of a certain portion of False Creek, Vancouver.

No. 51. An Act to incorporate the Coast-Yukon Railway Company.

No. 52. An Act to incorporate the Cowichan, Alberni and Fort Rupert Railway Company.

No. 53. An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Insurance Company.

No. 54. An Act to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900."

No. 55a. An Act to amend the "Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Company Act, 1901."

No. 57. An Act to regulate the Speed and Operation of Motor Vehicles on Highways.

No. 58. An Act to amend the "Medical Act, 1898."

No. 59. An Act to amend the "Counties Definition Act."

No. 64. An Act respecting the Official Map of a portion of Comiaken District."

No. 65. An Act for prevention of Frauds and Perjuries." (For prevention of many fraudulent practices, which are commonly endeavored to be upheld by perjury and subornation of perjury.)

No. 67. An Act to amend the "Legal Professions Act."

No. 69 An Act to amend the "South African War Land Grant Act, 1901.'

No. 70. An Act to qualify Archibald McDonald to represent the Lillooet Electoral District in the present session of the Legislative Assembly.

No. 71. An Act to amend the "Liquor License Act, 1900."

No. 73. An Act to amend the "Animals Act."

No. 75. An Act to amend the "Bills of Sale Act."

No. 77. An Act to amend the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897."

No. 74. An Act to amend the Trail Incorporation Act, 1901, Amendment Act, 1903."

His Honor was pleased, in His Majesty's name, to give assent to these Bills.

"In His Majesty's name, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills."

Then the Honorable Mr. Speaker addressed His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:

May It Please Your Honor:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in session assembled, approach Your Honor at the close of our labors with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to His Majesty's person and government, and humbly beg to present for Your Honor's acceptance Bill No. 68, intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

His Honor replied:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

In relieving you from your legislative duties, it affords me pleasure to express my appreciation of the earnest and careful manner with which you have dealt with the important questions submitted for your consideration.

The measures adopted with the view of ameliorating the financial condition of the province will, I feel confident, have the desired effect. While it has been deemed expedient to curtail the expenditure, a careful administration of the various departments will, I trust, ensure an efficient service.

I observe that a new Election Act has been passed to remedy the defects of existing legislation.

I am pleased to note the growing activity in the timber industry, and the great increase in the output of mines.

The steady improvement in agriculture, especially in the branches of dairying and horticulture, is a source of great satisfaction.

I thank you for the supplies granted for the administration of public affairs.

I now relieve you from further attendance in the legislature, and pray that your efforts may be blessed with abundant success.

The Hon. Mr. McBride, Premier, then addressed the House as follows:

Mr. Speaker and Gentdemen of the Legislative Assembly:

It is His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until it shall please His Honor to summon the same for despatch of business, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, after shaking hands very cordially with Mr. Speaker, withdrew.

The Legislative Assembly then sang the National Anthem, all present in the galleries and on the floor joining with them. The farewells were then spoken and the legislature dispersed.

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Municipal Bye Election 1904.

Public Notice

Is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said Electors at the City Hall, in the aforesaid city on Friday, the 12th day of February, 1904, from 12 (noon) to 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing a person to represent them in the Municipal Council as Mayor.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:

The candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and in event of a poll being necessary such poll will be opened on Tuesday, the 16th day of February, 1904, from 9 a. m. to 7:30 p. m., in the court room of the City Hall aforesaid, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as the Mayor of the City of Victoria shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the nomination, registered owner in the Land Registry Office of land or real property in the City of Victoria of the assessed value on the last municipal assessment roll of one thousand dollars, or more, over and above any registered incumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as municipal voters.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, the 3rd day of February, 1904.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT.
Returning Officer.

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JAS. H. ERICKSON, Propr. and Mgr.

Programme Week of Feb'y. 8th, 1904.

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Wm W. NORTHCOTT
Purchasing Agent for the Corporation of the City of Victoria.
City Hall, Victoria, B. C., 10th Feb., 1904.

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Ionian—Allan Line ..... Feb. 22
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Dominion—Dominion Line ..... Feb. 27
From New York, N. Y.
Oceanic—White Star Line ..... Feb. 10
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Umbria—Cunard Line ..... Feb. 13
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Notice to the Public

The Teaming, Scavenger and Contracting Business of the late Peter Hansen, has this day been sold as a going concern to Mr. John Haggerty. All accounts owing must be paid not later than the end of February, to the address below.

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D. B. CHRISTOPHER,
Executors.
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Feb. 1st, 1904.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

New York, Feb. 10.—The average level of prices in the stock market today got back to about where it was Monday night; this is to say, the recovery of yesterday was lost. There was no new developments to account for the reaction, but there was some recurrent force to the considerations which weakened the market on Monday. The principal factor in checking the advance was the distrust felt as to the character of the operations which pressed prices upwards yesterday. This was emphasized by the very patent profit-taking in United States Steel preferred on the part of a prominent trader, and the very obvious manipulative tactics by which it was sought to offset this by bidding up a few speculators here and there. It is expected also that the obligations of foreign insurance companies on account of the Baltimore fire losses may facilitate that Panama canal payment without disturbing the exchange market. The real irrepressive influence seems to be the fear of excessive corporation borrowings and the extra requirements involved in the Baltimore fire losses, the consequent necessary extension of credits and the Panama canal payments. Rumors of a sale of New York Central notes to meet improvement expenses illustrated in that stock the sensitiveness of the market to the effect of borrowing.

The rumor of the coming issue of St. Paul was officially disclaimed, and was a factor in the weakness of that stock. The heavy offering of Pennsylvania on the slight early advance created the bad impression. The sharp rise in Brooklyn Transit and in Amalgamated Copper dividend influenced the weakness of United States Steel preferred for a time, but the weakness gained on the whole market, and the closing was at nearly the lowest. Rumors were circulated several times during the day of the death of Senator Hanna. The statement of the exports of domestic products for January fell so far short of the recent level of increase over previous years as to cause some disappointment. Bonds were easy. Total sales par value, $1,706,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

New York, Feb. 10.—The following were the closing bids on the Stock Exchange today:

Amalgamated Copper	45¾
American Locomotive	21¼
American Sugar	123⅞
American Smelting & Refining Co.	48
Anaconda Mining Co.	65
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe	67½
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe pfd	89½
Baltimore & Ohio	78½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	34
Canadian Pacific Railway Co.	155⅝
Chesapeake & Ohio	31⅞
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	139⅝
Colorado Southern	16½
Colorado Southern pfd	53½
Consolidated Gas, New York	189½
Colorado Fuel & Iron	31¼
Delaware, Lackawanna & Western	270
Delaware & Hudson	160½
General Electric	167
Kansas & Texas	16½
Kansas & Texas pfd	36⅝
Louisville & Nashville	104¼
Manhattan Elevated	141¾
Missouri Pacific	89
Minn., St. P. & S. St. M.	59½
Minn., St. Paul & S. St. M., pfd.	120⅛
Metropolitan Traction	117
New York Central	114¾
Erie Railway	25⅝
Erie Railway 1st pfd	64⅞
Erie Railway 2nd pfd	44
New York, Ontario & Western	26⅞
Norfolk & Western	57¾
Pacific Mail	28¾
Pennsylvania Railway	113⅝
Pressed Steel	30
Pressed Steel pfd	70
People's Gas	41⅞
Philadelphia & Reading	41⅞
Rock Island Certificates	22½
Southern Railway	21⅞
Southern Railway pfd	81½
Southern Pacific	45⅝
Tennessee Coal & Iron	36½
Texas & Pacific	22½
Twin City	89
United States Leather	7¼
United States Steel	11⅛
United States Steel pfd	56½
United States Rubber	11½
United States Rubber pfd	48¾
Union Pacific	77⅛
Wabash Railway	18⅛
Wabash Railway pfd	36¼
Wisconsin Central	18⅞
Wisconsin Central pfd	42¾
C. P. R. in London	119½
Commercial Cables	190

Pig iron, quiet; copper, quiet; lead, easy; tin, quiet, straits, $28.25; spelter, easy.

New York, Feb. 10.—Prime mercantile paper, 4¾ to 5½ per cent; sterling exchange, weak at $4.85.50 to $4.85 55 for demand, and at $4.82.65 to $4.82 to $4.82.70 for 60 day bills; posted rates, $4.83½ to $4.84 to $4.86⅛; commercial bills, $4.82½; bar silver, 56¾; Mexican dollars, 43½; government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, weak; money on call, easy at 1¾ to 2 per cent; ruling rate, 2 per cent; last loan, 2 per cent; time loans, steady; 60 days and 90 days and six months, 4¼ to 4¾ per cent.

Chicago, Feb. 10.—The following were the closing prices of futures on the Board of Trade today: Wheat, May, 96⅜ to 96½; July, 87¾; Sept., 83¼ to 83⅝. Corn, Feb., 50; May, 53¾; July, 53⅛; Sept., 51⅛. Oats, May, 42⅜; July, 38⅞; Sept., 33½.

New York, Feb. 10.—Lead, $4.40.

London, Feb. 10.—Consols for money, 86⅝; consols for account, 86½.

London, Feb. 10.—Lead, £11 13s 9d.

THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Feb. 10.—8 p. m.

SYNOPSIS.

The extensive high barometer area and cold wave which have prevailed over Western Canada for days, have given way in advance of the ocean storm area, which is now spreading inland and causing milder weather. Strong southerly gales have been general both on the Coast and on the Straits of Fuca and Georgia. More snow has fallen in Cariboo and Kootenay.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	34	41
New Westminster	26	36
Kamloops	—2	28
Barkerville	—14	10
Dawson	—38	—28
Calgary	—26	—4
Winnipeg	—28	—2
Portland, Ore.	24	46
San Francisco	42	50

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Thursday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Winds chiefly easterly or southerly, unsettled and mild with occasional rains.

Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, unsettled and milder with rain.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 a. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10.

	Deg.		Deg.
5 a.m.	36	Mean	37
Noon	39	Highest	41
5 p.m.	40	Lowest	34

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. ..... 32 miles southeast.
Noon ..... 28 miles southeast.
5 p.m. ..... 40 miles southeast.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.
Rain—.04 inch.
Sunshine—1 hour.
Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected 29.74
Corrected 29.650

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Borometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected 29.74

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Missionary Anniversary.—The Methodist congregations of Vancouver yesterday evening celebrated, by a grand reunion, the forty-fifth anniversary of the first Methodist missionary in British Columbia. The programme consisted, in part, of personal reminiscences of Rev. Dr. Adam Clarke, of General Garibaldi, of a ride on the first train ever drawn by a locomotive, by T. Gordon Oliver, Esq.; recollections of 1857 and 1858 in Vancouver Island and British Columbia by Rev. C. Bryant; sketch of missionary life and adventure in 1859 and the early sixties, by Rev. Ebenezer Robson, D. D., and suitable musical selections under the leadership of Dr. Richardson.

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Local News.

Eagles Ball.—A full account of the annual ball of the local aerie of Eagles at the Assembly hall last night will appear in tomorrow's paper.

"The Elijah."—Another good practice for the production of the oratorio, "The Elijah," was held last evening at the St. Andrew's church. Beginning with next week, thanks to the courtesy of Mr. Herbert Taylor, the half of the time will be devoted to rehearsing "The Creation," preparatory to its repetition on March 8th in aid of the funds of the Lifeboat Association.

What His Neighbors Say.—It is proverbial that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country. But it is still greater honor for a man when his friends and acquaintances, his neighbors and those among whom he dwells, speak well of him. And this is the gratifying position which Mr. A. McDonald, the member for Lillooet, finds he occupies in his constituency. Referring to the trouble that he has had in connection with the proceedings to validate his sitting as a member during the session just closed, and the attacks made on him by some Opposition newspapers, the Lillooet Prospector says: "Mr. A. McDonald has the confidence of the voters of this district to a degree little understood by outsiders, and it will take a good deal more than his mere misapprehension of the law to shake that confidence."

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Continue Special Rates.—The Canadian Pacific railway has decided to continue the issuance of half-rate permits to the clergy. Notification to that effect was received by Mr. E. J. Coyle, assistant general passenger agent, from Mr. C. E. McPherson, general passenger agent of western lines, Winnipeg. Last week instructions were received that all favored rates to members of the ministry would be necessarily discontinued on account of the enforcement of the conditions of the Railway Act on February 1. No reasons have been received as to the cause of the decision to continue the granting of special rates. The railway company has also determined that the favored tariff shall apply to transportation on the company's coasting vessels in British Columbia waters.

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Advance in Flour.—Canadian flour of all grades has advanced in price fifteen cents per barrel, and now that hostilities in the Far East have commenced a stiff jump is looked for in the course of a short time. Ogilvie and Lake of the Woods flour was advanced fifteen cents per barrel several days ago, and yesterday the Manitoba Milling Company notified its agent to raise the price on all grades in accordance with the previous advance. The present rise is not altogether due to events in the Orient, but rather to the rise in the price of wheat. A sharp forward movement on account of the war is expected daily. If hostilities are prolonged in the Orient it is expected that prices on flour and foodstuffs generally will undergo tremendous advances on the prices now prevailing. Bookings of flour for shipment to the Orient during February and March continue to be fairly heavy.

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The Wrecker Wrecked.—The gale Tuesday night played havoc in Esquimalt harbor. The huge coffer dam which was used in the repairs of the R. M. S. Moana, two scows and the wrecking hulk Isabel were blown from their moorings at the B. C. Marine railway slip down the harbor to Magazine island, where they were rescued this morning by the Maud and towed back to the marine slip.

Monkey Brand Soap cleans kitchen utensils, steel, iron and tinware, knives and forks, and all kinds of cutlery. er

Miss Kulcher—Of course, Mr. Freschmann, you are quite familiar with Greek?

Mr. Freschmann—Oh! yes, indeed. I know Greek the minute I see it, the letters are so funny looking, you know.—Philadelphia Press.

The Royal Bank of Canada

INCORPORATED 1869

Savings Bank Department

Capital and Reserves
$6,192,705

Total Assets
$25,100,000

General Business Transacted ....

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Correspondence solicited .....

Carbons and Globes

Tenders, whole or separate, will be received by the undersigned up to 3 o'clock p. m., on Monday the 22nd inst., for the following, viz:

60,000 Carbons, ⅝ inch x 12 inch, copper coated.
70,000 Carbons, 7-16 inch x 12 inch, copper coated.
35,000 Carbons 7-16 inch x 8 inch, copper coated.
2 Gross Clear Arc Globes, 8x12x2½ inch.

Tenders must be properly signed, sealed, endorsed and addressed to the undersigned, from whom also specifications can be obtained.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Purchasing Agent for the Corporation of the City of Victoria.
City Hall, Victoria, B. C., February 4th, 1904.

In the Matter of the Will and Estate of Godfrey Kennell, Deceased.

Tenders will be received addressed to the Executors of this estate up to the 12th day of February, 1904, for the purchase of lot No. 61, Victoria City, with the 5 cottages thereon.

The property is situated on the southwest corner of Blanchard and View streets opposite St. Andrew's Cathedral.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Dated 12th January, 1904.
S. PERRY MILLS,
Solicitor for Executors,
Victoria, B. C.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of the Estate of Matthieu Blacquiere, late of the City of Victoria, Deceased.

Whereas upon application made in the Supreme Court of British Columbia, on the 23rd of January, 1904, probate of the will of the above deceased was granted by the honorable Mr. Justice Irving to Peter Corr, the executor therein named.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act" all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said Matthieu Blacquiere, who died on or about the seventh day of January, 1904, are required to send by post prepaid or deliver to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of March, 1904, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further, take notice, that after the said 7th day of March, 1904, the Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which he then shall have notice and that the said Executor will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 2nd February, 1904.
McPHILLIPS, WOOTTON & BARNARD,
Solicitors for the Executor. Offices Bank of Montreal Chambers, corner of Government and Bastion streets, Victoria, B. C.

The Victoria Wharf & Warehouse Co. Ltd

Six Per Cent Debentures

Sixth Annual Drawing 6th Feb., 1904

The following are the numbers of the debentures drawn for repayment at par on and after the first day of March next. Interest thereon ceases on the 1st day of March next. Sixty debentures numbers:

8	52	169	289	374	458
11	60	173	289	376	459
17	77	175	294	387	462
32	95	176	306	394	485
37	98	187	314	398	500
38	101	189	315	411	507
43	112	217	332	422	521
44	129	241	339	446	545
46	130	242	342	447	568
51	131	271	358	449	596

Sixty debentures at $500.00 each, $30,000.

The above mentioned debentures will be paid on and after the 1st day of March next on presentation at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Victoria, B. C.

J. H. LAWSON,
Secretary.

Countersigned:
JAMES H. LAWSON, JR.,
Notary Public, Victoria, B. C.,
February, 1904.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that Messrs. Wood & Smith, mining brokers, Duncans, B. C., have this day dissolved partnership by mutual consent. f10

Dated Duncans, B. C., Feb. 8th, 1904.

NOTICE.

M. A. Farrington reopens at 92 Government street, opp. Trounce avenue.

CUT FLOWERS, BOUQUETTES AND FLORAL DESIGNS OF ALL KINDS, POT PLANTS, ETC.

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NOTICE

Tenders for Timber Limits.

Sealed Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to noon on Wednesday, 2nd March, 1904, from any person who may desire to obtain a lease, under the provisions of section 42 of the "Land Act," for the purpose of cutting timber therefrom, of a timber limit situated on Vancouver Island, known as Lot 617, Clayoquot District, containing in the aggregate 3,080 acres.

The competitor offering the highest cash bonus will be entitled to a lease of the timber limits for a term of twenty-one years.

Each tender must be accompanied by a certified cheque, made payable to the undersigned, to cover the amount of the first year's rental ($467.00), and the amount of bonus tendered, and also certified cheque of $1,200.00, being the cost of cruising and surveying the limits. The cheques will be at once returned to unsuccessful competitors.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.
Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C., 4th February, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that three months after date application will be made to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, by J. W. Mellor & Co., Limited, to change the name of the company to "The Melrose Co., Limited."

McPHILLIPS, WOOTTON & BARNARD,
Solicitors for the Company.
February 9th, 1904.

JUST AS EVER

The best place in the city to leave your orders for repairs, jobbing and all kinds of carpenter work. Weather strips for doors and windows.

J. P. BURGESS,
Carpenter, 10 Broughton.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

1 CENT WORD ISSUE — **No Advertisement Inserted For Less Than 25c.** — **1 CENT WORD ISSUE**

On and after today, Monday, 4th January Mrs. M. A. Farrington's Cut Flower Store and Office, 104 Government street, will be closed. All orders for Floral Designs, Cut Flowers and Plants, will be promptly attended to if left at Dixi H. Ross & Co.'s Store, or at the Greenhouse, Esquimalt road (Fairview Nursery.) Orders promptly delivered to any part of city. Phone 219.

NOTICE.

I will not be responsible for any debts hereafter contracted without my order.
GORDON SMITH.

Notice is hereby given that three months after date application will be made to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council by J. W. Mellor & Co., Limited, to change the name of the Company to "The Melrose Coy., Limited."

McPHILLIPS, WOOTTON & BARNARD,
Solicitors for the Company.
October 8th, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners at their next sitting as a Licensing Court, for a transfer of my license for the sale of wines and liquors by retail, upon the premises situate on the north side of Johnson street, in the City of Victoria, and known as the International hotel, to Richard McGoldrick.

Dated this 1st day of February, 1904.
GEO. B. HOWARD,
By his Attorney in Fact.
C. A. HOLLAND.

THE VICTORIA WHARF & WAREHOUSE CO., LTD.

Six Per Cent Debentures.

Notice is hereby given that in conformity with the conditions upon which the above-named debentures were issued, a drawing of the debentures to be paid off at par on the 1st of March next will take place at the company's office, Wharf street, Victoria, B. C., on Saturday, the 6th day of February, at 11 a. m.

The numbers of the drawn debentures will be duly advertised for the information of the holders thereof.

J. H. LAWSON,
Secretary.
Wharf Street, Victoria, Jan. 23rd, 1904.

All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company within the tract of land bounded on the south by the southern boundary of Comox District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 30th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the E. & N. Railway land grant.

LEONARD H. SOLLY,
Land Commissioner.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply at the next session of the Board of License Commissioners of the City of Victoria, for a transfer of the license now held by me to sell liquors by retail upon the premises known as the "Everett Exchange" Saloon, Esquimalt road, to Phillip Cromble.

FRED MASON.
By his Attorney in Fact.
W. F. DICKSON.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the License Commissioners at the next sitting of their board for a transfer of the license issued in my name for the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors by retail at the Victoria Theatre building, Imperial Hotel, on View and Douglas streets, in the city of Victoria, to Jacob J. Schmidt, of the said city of Victoria.

Dated at Victoria, this 15th January, 1904.
JOHN H. GOSNELL.

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Licensing Commissioners at their next sitting for the transfer of the license now held by me, to George L. Jones, for the purpose of selling wines, spirits, beer, etc., on the premises known as the "Albion" Saloon, situated on the corner of Commercial Alley and Yates street, in this city.

JAMES McMANUS.
Dated Victoria, B. C., December 24th, 1903.

NOTICE.

Having purchased the business of Steitz's Restaurant, I beg to announce that the same will be conducted in a first class manner in my name.

R. STEITZ.
Victoria, Jan. 15th, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that Robert Martin of the city of Vancouver, B. C., will at the expiration of thirty days from the date hereof, apply to His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, for a grant of the foreshore rights in Port Simpson Harbor, in the Province of British Columbia, adjoining the east fractional half (½) of section three (3), township one (1), range five (5), in the Coast District of British Columbia, of which said lands the said Robert Martin is the registered owner. And notice is further given that the plans of the said foreshore have been deposited with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa and with the Registrar of Deeds at Victoria, B. C., pursuant to the statute.

O. L. SPENCER,
Solicitor for Applicant.
Dated at Vancouver, B. C., 20th January, 1904.

NOTICE

A reward of $150 each will be paid to any person or persons furnishing information which will lead to the arrest of Wong Lam Yuen, Wong Hung, Wong Sam, and Wong Suen; who are charged with the murder of Man Quon at Victoria, B. C., on the 31st January, 1904.

J. M. LANGLEY,
Chief of Police.
February, 5, 1904.
(Times Copy)

WANTED—MALE HELP.

WANTED—Agents to sell Kryslin in Victoria and elsewhere. Apply Factory, 187 Douglas street. f11

WANTED—Active partner with about $1500 to invest in real estate and insurance business. Address, stating experience, R. E. T., Colonist. f11

WANTED—Second bookkeeper. Apply by letter, giving references. Wilson Bros. f10

WANTED—Office boy. Apply between 10 and 12, Dr. O. M. Jones, 83 Fort street. f10

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE.

TWO LADIES seek position as governess; one morning, other resident. Excellent references. 1 Richardson St. j7

A LADY can recommend an experienced general servant, willing and obliging prefers James Bay locality. Wages $15. 1 Richardson street. f10

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE.

WANTED—Position as bookkeeper, stenographer and typewriter. Total abstainer; good character and member of I. O. O. F. Address "M.," Colonist office. f10

PERSONALS.

WE HAVE A FINE HOTEL SITE in Vancouver, and a client who will be willing to lease and furnish an hotel of about 125 rooms. We want an investor to buy the site and build an hotel; total investment from $80,000 to $100,000; annual rental $10,000. For further particulars apply to Mahon, McFarland & Mahon, Ltd., 541 Hastings street, Vancouver, B. C. f11

WANTED—FEMALE HELP.

WANTED—Two general servants for Esquimalt. Good cooking and knowledge of housework. 1 Richardson street. f10

WANTED—Young nurse girl, with knowledge of housework. (City.) 1 Richardson St. f10

WANTED—House and parlor maid; experience necessary. Good wages. 1 Richardson street. f7

WANTED—Young nurse girl, with knowledge of housekeeping. (City.) 1 Richardson St. f7

REQUIRED—An experienced cook and housemaid; good wages. Reference required. 1 Richardson St. j15

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—Jersey heifer. Leave word at Watson & Hall's, Yates street. f11

FOUND—A small parcel. Owner can have the same by applying at 81 Humboldt street, and paying for advt. f10

LOST—Purse on Pandora avenue, containing money and registered letter receipt in favor of M. Woods. Please return to Pemberton & Son, 45 Fort street. f3

LOST—In town, Wednesday, beadwork belt. Return Colonist office. f5

LOST—A set of drawings posted at Victoria to W. F. Bullen, Esquimalt, about 10 days ago. Suitable reward will be paid on application to office of B. C. Marine Railway Co. f4

FOR SALE—PROPERTY.

FOR SALE—Charming city lots with lovely sea view. Frontage on Moss street and Dallas road. Apply Messrs. Jas. A. and Jno Douglas, over 69 Government street. f6

FOR SALE—$1650—Good cottage, 6 roms, lot 72x120, on car line; A1 locality. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 government street. j24

FOR SALE—Two full-sized lots near town, cheap, or exchange for live stock. X., this office. j16

POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK.

FOR SALE—Fresh calved cow and calf, good for either family or dairy. J. Sherburn, Oscar St., Fairfield road. f11

WANTED—At once, sound and quiet young horse; also young team. Apply McNeill's Humane Stables. f2

FOR SALE—Two Jersey cows. Apply corner Douglas street and Francis ave. j17

TO RENT—RESIDENCES.

TO LET—Seven-roomed modern cottage, centrally located, 1¼ acres of ground, tennis lawn, etc. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. f10

TO LET — Comfortable rooms, excellent meals and pleasant company, at 32 Rae street, two minutes from post office. f10

TO LET—Well furnished six-roomed cottage near car line. Piano. Enquire Pemberton & Son. f10

TO LET—On Fairfield road, desirable residence, containing eight rooms, bath, hot and cold water, tennis court, large orchard, stables and nine acres of land. Apply 54 Fort street. f7

TO LET—One of the best and most comfortable furnished houses in Victoria West. For particulars apply to Heisterman & Co.

FOR RENT—Good furnished house and acreage, near Duncans Station, for three months on very moderate terms. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. j1

EDUCATIONAL.

MISS GIBSON—Piano teacher; careful tuition; terms reasonable. 69 Menzies street, Victoria. f27

SHORTHAND SCHOOL—15 Broad street. Bookkeeping thoroughly taught; also shorthand and typewriting. F. A. Macmillan, Principal. n4

FOR SALE—$2,000—Five-roomed cottage at corner James and Randall streets, consisting of front room, dining room, kitchen, bath room and pantry. Hot and cold water, electric lights and stable 40x22. $500 in cash, 4 per cent on balance. Apply to Messrs Jas. A. and Jno. Douglas, over 69 Government street. f6

SNAP—New Cottage, Victoria West, with two lots, if required, for sale cheap. Heisterman & Co.

FOR SALE—Modern residence with five acres of land. For sale at half its real value. Heisterman & Co. j31

FOR SALE—$2200—9-roomed house, bath, hot and cold water and sewer connections, centrally located. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. j21

FOR SALE—$3000—Two storey dwelling, James Bay; corner lot, modern in every respect. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government St.

FOR SALE—$2000—Five roomed cottage, bath and sewer; full sized lot, South Turner street. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Givernment street. j6

FOR SALE—$2,000—Six-roomed cottage and three lots, centrally located; a bargain. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. s24

FOR SALE—$1600—Five roomed cottage, bath, corner lot, on monthly instalment plan. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. m13

FOR SALE—Water front lot and A1 dwelling, modern, handy to car and within 10 minutes of post office; very cheap. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. m1

TO RENT- ROOM AND BOARD.

TO LET—Sunny front rooms, or housekeeping; $1.00 per week up. Burns House. f7

TO LET—Nicely furnished Housekeeping rooms, $3.50 per week. 118 Douglas. f6

TO RENT—Large comfortable bedroom, five minutes from post office; $5 per month. Apply 8 Rae street. f2

TO LET—Furnished housekeeping rooms en suites and bath room, with hot and cold water, at 104 Pandora. Apply 97 Quadra street. f2

TO LET—Sunny front room with board. 45 Menzies, near Drill Hall. j21

TO LET—Two sunny furnished front rooms for housekeeping. Electric light, gas stove and bath. Apply 98 Yates St. j20

TO RENT—Furnished room for housekeeping, opposite A. O. U. W. Hall. Apply 79 View street. j14

TO LET—Two comfortably furnished front bedrooms for gentlemen, in private family. Electric light and use of phone. Close to Parliament Buildings. Apply N. Z., Colonist office. j3

TO LET—Furnished rooms, $1.00 per week and up. 118 Douglas St. d30

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS.

FOR SALE—Hotel of 50 rooms, all furnished; bar, etc. All rooms at present occupied. Cheap. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. f10

FOR SALE—Barber shop, two chairs and bath, in town of 3,500. W. H. Evans, Ladysmith, B. C. f7

FOR SALE—Two hundred cords dry fir wood. E. Maude, Mayne Island, B. C. f10

FOR SALE—A Piano in first class condition. Apply 8 Richardson street. f5

FOR SALE OR LEASE—Swan Lake Farm, 2½ miles from city, containing 105 acres more or less. For particulars apply to James W. Meldram, Douglas street, end of car line. f5

FOR SALE—100 California Views, 10 cts. All different, nice for albums, decoration, instruction. E. H. Rydall, 444 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, Cal. j10

PIANO FOR SALE—High class Mason & Risch. Cost $600. Will be sold at a bargain. Address Piano, Colonist office. J13

FOR SALE—$1500—50 acres, 16 under cultivation, 18 slashed, burnt and seeded, small house, barn and outbuildings. Can purchase live stock and implements. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. n22

FOR SALE

1½ storey dwelling and almost 2 acres of ground, adjoining Beacon Hill Park. Three frontages, $2,000.

B. C. LAND & INVESTMENT AGENCY, LTD

40 Government St.

MISCELLANEOUS.

house, near tram line. Apply V. C. Commission Co., 23 Fort street. f11

WANTED — Two or three unfurnished rooms, suitable for housekeeping. Central, B. C., Colonist office. f11

PLANT EARLY—Cabbage plants, 50c. per 100, 80c. per 200, $1.00 per 300. Catalogue of nursery stocks free. Mount Tolmie Nursery, Victoria. f5

ADVERTISING WORLD, Columbus, Ohio, a monthly journal of information, plans, suggestions and ideas for advertising. Send today for free sample, or 10c. for four months' trial. j22

FRESH OOLICHANS just arrived. Gower & Wriglesworth. j22

WANTED—To rent one or two good costumes for fancy dress ball. Address, giving full particulars, "N. S.," Colonist office. j24

CHIMNEYS SWEPT from 50c. Smoky chimneys cured. No mess. 4 Broughton street. s29

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FOR SALE—$2250—Modern seven-roomed house, bath, electric light, best part of town; also six-roomed bungalow on Rockland avenue. V. C. Commission Co., 23 Fort St. f11

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE — Established since 1894. Wanted reliable servants for good situations. 54 Fort street. j29

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South Saanich, at a Bargain.

This property, consisting of 108 acres, fronts on Cordova Bay, is all good land and can be purchased at a very reasonable figure.

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Provincial Legislature

Closing Day of Session Proves to Be a Very Busy One.

Order Paper is Cleaned Off—Government House Enquiry.

Prorogation Took Place Last Evening Before Crowded House.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock p.m.

RETURN PRESENTED.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented a return of copies of the forms used by the assessors under the provisions of the "Assessment Act"; also copies of the instructions issued to assessors in connection with carrying out the provisions of the "Assesment Act."

WATER CLAUSES.

On the motion of Dr. Young, bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897,'" was introduced, read a first and second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

QUESTIONS.

Mr. Drury asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:

What amount of royalty, during the year 1903, was paid by the San Juan Lumber Company, or other companies or persons, on timber cut in Renfrew district in the vicinity of Gordon and San Juan rivers?

The Hon. Mr. Green replied as follows:

"No royalty has been paid yet."

Mr. Houston asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:

1. What is the total acreage of land held under timber lease by the Davies-Sayward Lumber Company in West Kootenay?

2. What is the approximate location of each of these leaseholds?

3. Has the Davies-Sayward Lumber Company, during the currency of these leases, obtained from the government any rebate or remission of the rentals legally payable under the terms of the leases?

4. If any such rebate or remission has been allowed, upon what grounds was the allowance made, and to what amount?

5. Has the Davies-Sayward Lumber Company maintained at all times, during the currency of these leases, a sawmill appurtenant to the leaseholds, of the capacity required by the Land Act?

6. Is the Davies-Sayward Company now in arrears for timber rentals, and, if so, to what amount?

7. Has the Davies-Sayward Lumber Company now any sawmill in operation that is appurtenant to these timber leaseholds?

8. If the law is not being complied with by this company, is it the intention of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to cancel these leases?

The Hon. Mr. Green replied as follows:

"1. 10,694 acres.

"2. Salmon river and vicinity, Goat river, Duncan river, Lardeau river.

"3. Yes.

"4. A remission of $1,945.70 was made under authority of the Revenue Act, on the ground of the inability of the company to make payment in full in consequence of financial losses.

"5. The company established mills at Salmo and Pilot Bay, which they maintained and operated.

"6. Yes. $1,069.40.

"7. The department is not fully advised on this point.

"8. The matter will be considered."

Mr. Taylor asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:

1. Is the government aware that most, if not all, of the locomotive and train crew staffs of the Vancouver, Westminster and Yukon Railroad Company employed on construction work are aliens?

2. Does the government propose taking this matter up with the Dominion government with the object in view of having the Dominion government enforce the Dominion Alien Act?

The Hon. Mr. Green replied as follows:

"1. The government has no knowledge as to the personnel of the staff of the Vancouver, New Westminster and Yukon Railway Company.

"2. The matter will receive immediate attention."

BILLS.

The report of the Granby Consolidated bill was adopted, the bill read a third time and passed.

The Joint Stock Company's bill was read a third time and passed.

SUPPLY.

Mr. J. A. Macdonald moved on the motion that bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act for granting certain sums of money for the public service of the Province of British Columbia," be read a third time, the following amendment thereto:

"That all the words in said motion after the word "that" be struck out, and the following substituted therefor:

"This House regrets that the government of the day has failed in its manifest duty to lay before this House for consideration during the present session some adequate measure or measures for the relief of those sections of the province in which railways are urgently needed."

Hon. Mr. Tatlow asked if this motion was in order. To him it appeared not to be in order.

Mr. Macdonald contended that it was strictly an amendment to the motion to read the bill a third time.

Mr. Speaker was of the opinion that the motion was out of order.

Mr. Oliver disputed the ruling, and quoted exhaustively from authorities.

Mr. Speaker held that there was nothing whatever in the bill under discussion relating to railways, with which the motion dealt exclusively.

Mr. Oliver, who could not get his authorities all to the fore, asked that other business be gone on with for an hour until he had a chance to hunt them up.

To this the government consented and business proceeded.

LILLOOET SEAT.

On motion of the Premier, the report of the bill to qualify Mr. Macdonald as representative for Lillooet, was adopted, the bill read a third time and passed.

BILLS OF SALE.

Report of the bills of sale bill was adopted, the bill read a third time and passed.

COUNTIES DEFINITION.

Report of the Counties Definition Act amendment bill was adopted, the bill read a third time and passed.

LIQUOR LICENSES.

Report of the bill to amend the Liquor License Act was adopted, the bill read a third time and passed.

MUNICIPAL CLAUSES.

Mr. Cameron moved, on report of bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Clauses Act," the following amendments:

To insert the following as a new clause:

"Section 135, sub-section (3), of the 'Municipal Clauses Act' is hereby amended by striking out all the words after the word 'stand,' in the eighth line thereof."

Carried.

Mr. Cameron moved to add the following section:

"297F. Any municipal corporation may, in the case of any land heretofore conveyed to any such municipal corporation by the province for park, pleasure, recreation or other public purposes, exchange such land for other land to be used for similar purposes, or may sell, subject to the approval of the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council, or dispose of same and apply the proceeds thereof as the council may deem proper; and in the event of an exchange, sale or other disposition of any such lands, the corporation are hereby authorized to execute any conveyances and do all such other acts, deeds and things in the premises as may be necessary in order to effectually vest such property in the person or persons acquiring the same by sale, exchange or disposition, free from any such trusts for such purposes."

The amendment was lost.

The report, as amended, was adopted, the bill read a third time and passed.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Mr. Hall took the chair in committee on the bill to amend the Municipal Elections Act.

The bill was reported complete without amendments. Mr. Houston objected to consideration of the report until the next sitting of the House.

Mr. Speaker over-ruled the objections on the rules of the House, and the report was adopted.

Mr. Houston, in reply to Mr. Speaker's query as to whether there were any objections to the third reading, said: "Yes; there's one great, big, solid objection right here. I object." (Laughter.) He might have amendments to offer which he could not do if the bill were rushed through in this manner.

Mr. Oliver held that the bill must be read a third time then if the House desired. The question was then put to the House.

Mr. Houston said he had been five sessions in this House, and had never seen a bill rushed through stages in this way. The objection he took was the only way to kill a bill that was considered objectionable, he he did this one.

The bill was read a third time on a division of 21 to 14.

ANIMALS ACT.

Mr. McInnes moved the third reading of the bill to amend the Animals Act. Carried and the bill passed.

FISH TRAPS.

Amid much laughter, the Premier again dashed Mr. Hall's hopes on the fish trap question by answering "Stand!" to the question as to adjourned debate on the motion. Mr. Drury added to the merriment by suggesting a special fish trap session. Mr. Hall joined in the laughter and business drove on.

FALSE CREEK LANDS.

Mr. Bowser moved the third reading of the bill to enable Vancouver to acquire certain foreshore lands on False creek. Carried and the bill passed.

SUPPLY.

Messrs Macdonald and Oliver resumed argument on the third reading of the public service grants bill, and quoted copiously from all sorts of authorities in support of their views.

Mr. Macdonald's contention was that in the bill there might be provision made directly or indirectly for railway building or railway subsidies.

Mr. Speaker ruled that Mr. Macdonald's amendment (quoted above) was not relevant to the subject matter of this bill and was therefore out of order.

Mr. Henderson asked leave to amend his amendment:

That the word "now" be struck out and the following words be added: "this day four months."

It reads as follows: "After the government submitted for the consideration of the House some adequate means of railway legislation for the opening up of those sections of the province which urgently need assistance of this kind."

Mr. Houston emphatically protested against the Municipal Election Act just passed, denouncing it as mischievous legislation.

Mr. Speaker ruled out of order an amendment almost identical with that of Mr. Henderson. The bill was read a third time and passed amidst hearty applause.

RESOLUTION BLOCKED.

The Premier asked that Mr. Wells' motion regarding the lumber industry, which was of tremendous importance to the province, be submitted now instead of Thursday, as on the notice paper, as follows:

That whereas the lumber interests of British Columbia are assuming a degree of importance conducive to the prosperity as well as the increased revenue of the province:

And whereas serious encroachments upon the market in Canada at present exist by reason of large shipments of American lumber, chiefly to the Northwest Territories and to Manitoba, thus depriving largely Canadian manufacturers of our home market:

And whereas the duty imposed upon Canadian lumber entering the United States is prohibitory, reserving exclusively their own market to American manufacturers:

Be it therefore Resolved, That this House views with alarm the serious consequences that must result to the lumber interests of British Columbia, and is of opinion that an humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor respectfully asking him to communicate with the Dominion government, to the end that such legislation be passed as will relieve the great injustice under which the British Columbia lumber interests are suffering, and praying that a duty be put upon American lumber entering Canada equal, at least, to that imposed upon Canadian lumber entering the United States.

Mr. Houston objected on the ground that if this House insisted in passing mischievous legislation there was no use passing resolutions that didn't amount to anything. The resolution, therefore, remained unread.

VANCOUVER INCORPORATION.

Mr. Davidson moved on consideration of the report on or third reading of Bill No. 54, intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900,'" that the Bill be recommitted, to consider the striking out of the following clauses added in committee:

"Section 184 is amended by adding thereto the following words:

"(a.) The property qualification for a member of the Park Board shall be in all respects the same as for an alderman of the city, and no person shall be qualified to be or sit on the Park Board unless he is the owner of property as provided for in the case of alderman in sub-section (2) of section 4 of this Act."

"Section 161 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words: "The property qualification for a member of the Licensing Board shall be in all respects the same as that for an alderman of the city, and no person shall be qualified to be or sit on the Licensing Board unless he is the owner of property as provided for as in the case of an alderman in sub-section (2) of section 4 of this Act."

Mr. Garden offered a few remarks in explanation, having telegraphed for specific information on the subject, and he pointed out that if Mr. Davidson's amendment carried property qualification would be abolished.

The first half of Mr. Davidson's motion was put and lost 18 to 21.

The second half was put and carried.

The report as amended was adopted, the bill read a third time and passed.

MR. WELLS' RESOLUTION.

Mr. Wells informed the House that Mr. Houston had subsequently withdrawn his objection to the reading of the resolution referred to above, and Mr. Wells now asked leave to read the same to the House. There being no objections the resolution was read. Mr. Wells supplemented the resolution in an address in which he covered the whole ground connected with the lumber question in a very thorough and exhaustive manner.

Mr. Cotton seconded the resolution.

The Premier heartily sympathized with the mover and hoped when it should be submitted to the Federal authorities that a measure of relief would be granted, particularly with reference to the Northwest trade, which was assuming enormous proportions. Our cheapest asset today was the lumber of British Columbia. He hoped the House would support this motion.

Mr. Parker Williams marveled at a resolution like this coming from the Liberal party, which paraded as the low tariff or no tariff party. He had found, as a rule, that Liberal party free trade doctrine consisted of protection from the other fellow except in the commodities in which the other fellow was scarce.

The resolution was carried.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Mr. Clifford reported for the committee on Government House, and said if the House prorogued today the committee's labors would have been in vain. He would therefore ask leave for the committee to continue sitting until all the work was complete and report to next session of the House, also for power to print the finding of the committee in the B. C. Gazette, or some paper in the province.

The Premier, on behalf of the government, said they were quite in accord with this suggestion, which although not usual, was certainly of serious moment and should be respected. The desire of the committee, he understood, was to made the report complete and thorough. He asked Mr. Clifford to prepare a resolution to the effect of his remarks.

MR. BOWSER'S POEM.

Mr. Bowser said the following set of verses, which he insisted upon inflicting upon the long-suffering House, had been picked up on the opposition benches. The reading of the piece was accompanied with applause, groans and government laughter:

THE SATISFIED CLUTCH.

(Dedicated to His Majesty's Loyal Opposition, Session 1903-4.)

We come from the mine and the meadow,
From the clam-ranch, the tunnel, the mill,
Our brows wear a statesmanlike shadow,
Our manners a statesmanlike frill.
With gestures and speeches uncivil,
The Government's soul do we vex;
But the country can go to the devil
When Mason comes round with the cheques.

Forgotten at once is our anger,
Against the Old Party that's in;
We reach for the casa without languor,
Eight hundred's a nice lot of tin.
'Twill stave off the harsh money-lender,
Whose mortgage-rope galls our poor necks;
And our thoughts of McBride are quite tender,
When Mason comes round with the cheques.

After all—to deny it were idle—
We are most of us here for the dough;
"Pure patriot's," a very fine title,
But it's money that makes the mare go.
So long as we collar the dollars,
For the commonweal nobody recks;
In Corruption's old school we're apt scholars,
Here's Mason! He's bringing our cheques!

—The Looker-On.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Mr. Clifford's resolution to the effect outlined above, was put to the House.

Hon. Mr. Wilson said he had doubts as to the power of the House to grant authority to a committee to print its finding while the House was not in session.

Messrs. Oliver and Macdonald continued the debate, holding that the House, by granting such permission, might lead to future complications.

The Premier replied and quoted a precedent at Ottawa, in the case of the Pacific Scandal, when charges were made against Sir John A. Macdonald, when a committee of parliament was empowered to sit; and did sit and make certain findings. Surely this House could clothe a committee with similar power, and accept their report next session.

Mr. Macdonald said it was principally as to making their report before it is submitted to the House. He dwelt upon the awkwardness of the report being published to the world and then being rejected by the House.

Mr. McInnes said the passing of this resolution would not prevent the committee from making its report to the House. The report stood as the report of the committee and made practically no difference to the committee whether it was published early or late. It would be public property from the moment the chairman got on his feet next session and submitted it. It did not affect the members of the committee.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite said this was a most serious matter. Some of the members of the opposition actually desired that Mr. Rattenbury should be condemned unheard on the very grave charges laid against him. Something should be done by the House to bring this matter to a conclusion; it should not and must not rest where it is; in the interests of justice and in justice to Mr. Rattenbury, who was now under most serious charges, this matter should be pressed to a finish.

Mr. Oliver also spoke.

The Premier said it was customary in the Imperial House to appoint committees exactly on the lines suggested, the committee sitting between sessions.

Mr. Clifford said the committee's only desire was to do simple justice to Mr. Rattenbury, and as quickly as possible; this was the only reason for making the suggestion.

Hon. Mr. Wilson said it would be advisable that the House should not proceed hastily in this matter, which involved a constitutional point. He asked Mr. Speaker, who had had twenty years experience, what his opinion was.

Mr. Speaker replied that so far as his experience was that when the House rose the powers of its committee died with it.

The Premier thought this was sufficient precedent for the proceeding contemplated in this case. The House was bound to receive the report, but not to adopt it. It is a case where the committee might well be allowed to continue its work on the case. The publication of its report would make no difference to the conclusion of the House as to the report of the committee.

Mr. Cotton said the Crown had the power of calling and of dismissing the House, and as could be found in May and other authorities, when the House was relieved of its duties the members occupied a totally different position from what they did when the House was sitting. He agreed with Mr. Speaker in this matter.

Mr. McInnes said the matter of reporting previous to the House meeting again could be waived; but unusual cases called of unusual remedies, and he could not see why the report should not be published.

Mr. Cotton disputed Mr. McInnes' views. The effect of prorogation was to suspend all business until the House met again.

A long debate on the legal points then followed.

The resolution was laid over until the evening session.

The House adjourned at 5:25 until 8:30 p. m.

The Premier announced prorogation for the same evening at 8:45 o'clock.

TUESDAY NIGHT'S SESSION.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 8.30 p.m.

C. A. & Ft. R. RY.

Report of the Cowichan, Alberni & Fort Rupert Railway Company bill was adopted, the bill read a third time and passed.

B. C. INSURANCE COMPANIES.

Mr. Hall moved upon the consideration of the report on bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Vancouver Insurance Company," to strike out the word "Vancouver" in the title, and substitute the words "British Columbia." Also to strike out the word "Vancouver" where it occurs in sections 1 and 18, and substitute the words "British Columbia" in each case. Carried.

Report as amended adopted, the bill read a third time and passed.

FALSE CREEK LANDS.

Mr. Brown took the chair in adjourned committee on the bill to enable Vancouver to acquire False Creek lands.

Mr. Bowser moved the following amendments:

That section 2 be struck out and the following substituted therefor:

"2. All notices required to be served by the corporation upon any person interested in or entitled to sell any such lands, riparian, littoral rights or interests, shall be served in the same manner as a writ of summons in an action in the Supreme court."

That sections 3 and 4 be struck out.

That section 5 be struck out and the following substituted therefor:

"5. If for sixty days after the service of such notice any person shall fail to state the particulars of his claim in respect of any such land, or to treat with the corporation in respect thereof, or if such person and the corporation shall not agree as to the amount of compensation to be paid for such lands, or the interest in such lands, riparian, littoral or otherwise, belonging to such person, the amount of such compensation shall be settled in the manner hereinafter provided."

The amendments carried.

The bill was reported complete with amendment. Report adopted, third reading next sitting.

VANCOUVER INCORPORATION.

Mr. Cameron took the chair in com-

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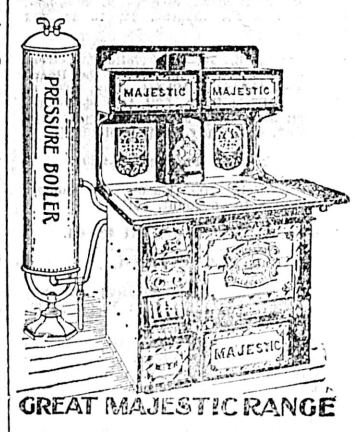

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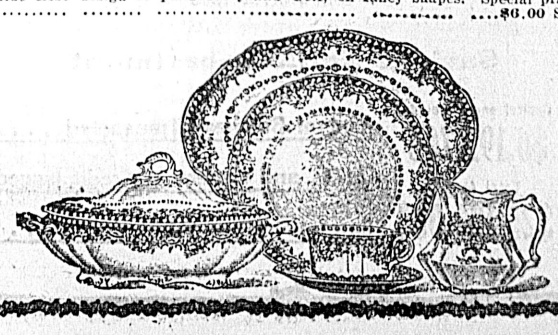
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